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INTRODUCTION.

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OR the second time, with deep gratitude to Him without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, we have to record an "F.S.M." Week successful beyond our most eager anticipations. Two years ago, it occurred to some of us in Salisbury Square that the spiritual energy so remarkably manifest in many places in these last few years needed to be directed more than it had yet been into a missionary channel; that while the number of ardent Christian workers, especially young men and women, had largely increased, their thoughts and sympathies were but slightly drawn out towards the greatest of Christian works, the work above all others specially committed to the Church by her Divine Lord, the Evangelization of the World. The idea was thrown out that some members of the Committee might visit the principal C.M.S. centres in the country, and confer with the Society's friends as to whether any special measures could be taken to arouse a more general and a more active interest in Missions to the Heathen and the Mohammedan. Then it was suggested that if these visits were simultaneous, the fact of their simultaneousness might lend to them additional interest. But the plan grew into something very different. Instead of quiet conferences between representatives of Salisbury Square and the C.M.S. inner circles in different localities, whole series of public meetings and services were arranged, requiring the services of nearly two hundred chosen deputations; and the now famous February Simultaneous Meetings of 1886 were the result. The letters "F.S.M.," originally used merely as a convenient symbol for the special papers issued, have become almost an animating motto in themselves, indicating meetings of high spiritual tone, a way of looking at Missions as something very different from a mere "charity," and a lifting up of the whole subject above the level of subscription lists and balance sheets.

But London was omitted from that memorable campaign. It was too vast to work at the same time as the country. And although there was a kind of understanding that an effort would be made this year to attack the metropolis, grave doubts were felt whether it was possible, or even politic, to do so. London is a very difficult place to move, for many reasons, into which it is now unnecessary to enter, but which are quite independent of its mere size. Moreover, a difficulty presented itself which is a very real one, though some of our readers will scarcely understand it. In the provincial towns and cities the local C.M.S. committees worked severally in their own way. They planned their meetings just as they liked, and invited the co-opera-

tion of whatever friends they liked. Some, in the exercise of their own discretion, made the movement as broad and inclusive as possible, so that many of the clergy should join in it whose sympathies are not ordinarily with the C.M.S. Others, in the exercise of a like discretion, kept the meetings strictly in their own hands. In neither case were the Committee in Salisbury Square responsible: all that they did was to send deputations as requested. But the question for this year was, Could it be the same in London? Would not the proximity of Salisbury Square bring it necessarily into closer relation to the local plans, and tend to abridge the liberty of local friends? There were many considerations which made this question not unimportant. The result, however, has justified the hopes and not the doubts. The clergy of churches supporting the Society were called together in June last, and after full discussion a resolution to attempt an "F.S.M." campaign in London was adopted unanimously; and in September, further resolutions were adopted with equal unanimity, expressly affirming the independence of the friends in each district to work the movement in their own way,—which independence has been taken full advantage of. All that the Society earnestly laid down was that, as last year, the spiritual aspects of missionary work should be put forward prominently, rather than its financial needs; and that the cause of Christ rather than the cause of "the Society" should be especially pleaded.

We have now to call upon our friends all over the world to thank and praise our gracious God for a week of signal blessing. It was a week, unquestionably, much more remarkable than that of last year. Then, a deputation of two persons was allotted to a whole county or half a county, giving a day each to three or four centres. Thus, Colonel Stewart and the Rev. G. Karney conducted the meetings on four successive days at four such important places as Harrogate, Bradford, Halifax, and York. Only at a very few places, as at Great Yarmouth, was there a whole week of meetings. But this year, in London, the majority of the parishes joining have given the whole week to the movement, in many cases including both Sundays. This is a distinct advance in the general conception of what such a campaign should be; and we are already approaching the adoption of the scheme of Missionary Missions which the Bishop of Exeter put forth two or three years ago, and which Mr. Whiting has worked out in four or five towns since. Thus it has pleased God to bring gradually into combination the plans suggested by different minds, and by them to rouse His people to a truer realization of their responsibilities to Him and to a lost world.

We would now call attention to some special features of the London "F.S.M.," before reviewing the proceedings more in detail.

(1) The mere number of meetings and services far exceeded that of last year, although more than a hundred and fifty towns were then included in all parts of England. The meetings and services in London in the eight days, February 6th to 13th, much exceeded one thousand; probably they were nearly two thousand; but the exact

number we do not know, for numerous gatherings took place in many parishes from which neither programme nor report has been received. It is believed that eight hundred missionary sermons were preached on Sunday, February 6th.

(2) There were about fifty aggregate or general meetings for whole deaneries or combined parishes. In many cases these were held in the largest halls in the respective neighbourhoods, and yet were crowded to excess.

(3) The numerous drawing-room meetings in all parts of London were a distinct feature of the campaign, and in every case that we know of (about forty, and probably there were double that number) the success was very marked. The attendance was always full, in some places overflowing; and though that does not mean large absolute numbers, it means interest aroused in many circles where people will not go out to evening meetings.

(4) There were a great many children's meetings. There can be no better seed-sowing than this. Fruit little thought of now will spring up in years to come.

(5) It was a happy thought in many parishes to make no alteration at all in the ordinary parochial engagements of the week, but to turn them all, Teachers' Meetings, Mothers' Meetings, Bible-classes, Band of Hope gatherings, Young Men's Institute Meetings into a missionary channel. It is emphatically a feature of the present day, the dealing with people by classes. Young men will attend a gathering of young men who will not attend an ordinary meeting; and the same remark applies to all kinds of people.

(6) Akin to this method of reaching different sets of people in a parish, will come the efforts of a non-parochial character to reach particular classes. At the invitation of the Young Men's Christian Association special speakers were provided for its daily prayer-meetings and for evening meetings at its chief centres; also for the Church of England Young Men's Society. A meeting at Sion College was arranged for City men. And in many large shops and warehouses special addresses were given to the employés.

(7) Another remarkable circumstance was the great demand for the F.S.M. tracts and papers. Nearly half-a-million were actually applied for and supplied, besides hand-bills and the like. The chief items are—Pew Papers, 70,000; Facts about C.M.S., 60,000; F.S.M. Tract No. 4 (for working-men), 50,000; No. 1, 47,000; No. 8 (for children), 45,000; No. 2, 40,000.

(8) It has already been mentioned that the friends in each locality were left to work their arrangements in their own way, with respect to the scope of their meetings and the extent to which they might invite the co-operation of the friends of other societies. In Paddington, the whole of the clergy of the Deanery united to sign the preliminary circular, and it was agreed to invite the S.P.G. to send speakers for the aggregate meetings, which were advertised as for "Foreign Missions" generally; while great variety was exhibited in the smaller parochial arrangements. The same plan was adopted in Westminster

and at Croydon, all the parishes joining. It was also the case to a considerable extent in Kensington and in Hackney. In other large deaneries, only the churches (sometimes very few) supporting the C.M.S. took any notice of the movement; and there were three if not four deaneries entirely unrepresented in the programme. On this point we are quite aware that there is a difference of opinion in C.M.S. circles. We simply record the facts as historians; and we will only remark that it was part of the Society's original "F.S.M." scheme a year and a half ago to give prominence to the cause of Christ rather than to the C.M.S. as an instrument for promoting that cause, and that the Committee declared their hope that all Missions proclaiming the Gospel of Christ might be directly or indirectly benefited. But in responding to this invitation, individual friends have taken different views of what practical action they ought to adopt.

(9) The "F.S.M." this year differed entirely from the "F.S.M." last year in one thing. The Church Missionary House, being accessible, was a centre and rendezvous for those engaged in the campaign. A very large number of them assembled there at four o'clock on the Monday for united prayer. On this occasion the Bishop of Rochester (who worked hard throughout the week) gave an impressive address, encouraging the preachers and speakers by animating thoughts from the Word of God, and warning them against certain dangers, particularly against "unctuous verbosity" and against indulging in speculations regarding the fate of the heathen who have never heard the Gospel. Prayer-meetings were held on the Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at noon, at which it was thought that a few friends not actively engaged might meet and pray for those who were. But in two respects these prayer-meetings proved to be different from what had been expected. First, they were daily attended by many of the speakers themselves, as a refreshment for their own souls; and secondly, they became more than half praise-meetings, owing to the reports of success and blessing coming in by every post from all parts being communicated by Mr. Sutton, who presided each day. The Thanksgiving Meeting called for the Saturday, also at noon, was thus in part anticipated; but it was a very bright and happy gathering, fuller than any of the others, and affording opportunity for several of the speakers and local organizers to give personal testimony to the success of the campaign—which they did most warmly.

It will have been observed by many of our readers that the *Record* invited from the leading clergymen and laymen concerned in the movement their impressions and opinions regarding it; and in its issue of February 18th appeared communications from the Bishops of Exeter, Rochester, Sodor and Man, Bedford, and Cork, Bishops Alford and Cheetham, Archdeacons Farrar, Bardsley, and Perowne, Canons Gibbon, Money, and Scott-Moncreiff, Prebendary Billing, the Revs. Sir E. Bayley, Hon. E. C. Glyn, J. B. Whiting, H. A. Favell, S. W. Darwin Fox, F. A. C. Lillingston, E. Lombe, and W. J. Smith; Sir A. Rollit, M.P., Sir John Coode, General Touch, Dr. Cust, Hon. T. Pelham, Mr. P. V. Smith, Mr. A. Beattie, and Mr. G. Williams. We are glad

to see that these writers have frankly pointed out weaknesses in the movement and causes for fresh effort as well as grounds of thankfulness and encouragement. Two or three of them express what many are saying privately, that some of the speakers might with advantage give more time to the preparation of their speeches, and especially to getting up the great *facts* of missionary enterprise. There can be no doubt that there were many most admirable addresses; but some (laymen especially) merely delivered sermons from the platform; others, on the contrary, had not caught the F.S.M. spiritual tone (e.g. a long speech on Education in India or Travellers in Africa would be quite out of place); some who did give facts told details of heathen idolatry instead of illustrations of the power of the Gospel; others had good missionary stories, but apparently no grasp at all of the mission-field as a whole. Many speakers recommended the C.M.S. periodicals to the audiences: but had they studied them themselves?

It must be distinctly understood that for the suggestion about which the *Record* seems to have inquired of its correspondents, viz., that the "F.S.M." should be annual, the Society is in no way responsible. No one in Salisbury Square has thought of such a thing; and we are not surprised that the negative replies in the *Record* are numerous. We doubt, however, whether either London or the Provinces will wait ten years, as some suggest, for another "F.S.M." campaign.

Meanwhile there is abundance of work before us. Four things are wanted, men, money, organization, and prayer. As regards *money*, there is much to encourage. St. Paul's, Onslow Square, and All Saints', Clapham Park, propose to raise each a special 1000*l.*; and both are more than halfway towards it. At many churches, collections were made on the concluding Sunday, and again and again the letters run, "Largest collection ever known." *Prayer* has been largely increased—that is apparent. *Organization*, we hope, is going to be. *Men*, we must pray for, without ceasing.

DIOCESE OF LONDON.

FULHAM DEANERY.

Fulham: St. John's.—On Saturday there was a prayer-meeting at the National School, which was well attended by workers and other friends. On Sunday, sermon in the morning, by the Vicar, who also gave an address at the afternoon service. An unusually large congregation assembled in the evening, and listened with the deepest interest to a very powerful and eloquent appeal from the Rev. H. E. Fox, Vicar of St. Nicholas's, Durham. Missionary hymns were sung with great heartiness and enjoyment at all the services; also in the Sunday-school, where the teachers combined to make the lessons as far as possible of a missionary character. On Monday, a large contingent from our parish went to the aggregate meeting at Hammersmith. The Broadway Hall, which was lent for the occasion, was crowded to excess by an interested and enthusiastic audience. Mr. Ashe gave an account of his terrible experiences in U-Ganda in simple and touching language; and representatives from the S.P.G., and the Universities' Mission in Africa, also delivered stirring addresses. On Tuesday, the Vicar gave a missionary speech at the Butchers' Almshouses in the afternoon. In the evening the Band of Hope

children were addressed by the Rev. T. M. Macdonald, local C.M.S. Secretary. On Wednesday there was special service at the church, with sermon by Canon Gibbon, of Harrogate. On Thursday there was a drawing-room meeting at the Vicarage, at which between eighty and ninety were present. We were fortunate enough to have Mr. Ashe again amongst us, and also Canon Gibbon. The latter gave some interesting information about the Peshawur Mission. Among those present was Mrs. Temple, wife of the Bishop of London.

T. M. MACDONALD.

Hammersmith.—A crowded meeting was held at the Broadway Hall on Monday evening. The chair was taken by the Rural Dean (the Rev. F. H. Fisher, M.A.), and addresses were delivered by the Rev. R. P. Ashe, missionary from U-Ganda; the Rev. E. J. Fessenden, of Niagara; the Rev. W. E. Glascott, of the diocese of Calcutta; and the Rev. W. H. Penney, secretary of the Universities' Mission to Central Africa. The speakers were listened to with deep interest, and Mr. Ashe's thrilling account of the martyrdom of Bishop Hannington, and of the Native converts in U-Ganda produced a great impression. Several of the local clergy were present.

R. B. DE WOLF.

West Kensington Park: St. Matthew's, with Christ Church.—Sermons in connection with the F.S.M. were delivered in St. Matthew's on Sunday by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Handcock, and in Christ Church by the Revs. R. B. De Wolf and W. C. Tucker. On Tuesday evening, the Rev. R. B. De Wolf, M.A., gave a lecture in the schoolroom, Milson Road, entitled, "James Hannington, Bishop and Martyr." The lecture was illustrated by map and diagrams. There was a large audience, who listened with much interest to the thrilling account of the life and work of the devoted Bishop. On Wednesday evening, Dr. Gardiner, of Birmingham, preached in St. Matthew's Church, and on the following evening, in Christ Church, the Rev. T. Campbell, formerly of Madagascar. Considerable interest has been aroused in these services, and it is hoped that many will be stirred to greater efforts in seeking to extend the knowledge of the Redeemer to the "perishing millions beyond."

R. B. DE WOLF.

Sermons on the Sunday were also preached by the parochial clergy at **North End, St. Mary's**; **West Kensington Park, St. Simon's**; and **Shepherd's Bush, St. Thomas's**. At North End, St. Mary's, the Rev. Dimond Churchward preached on the 9th; and at West Kensington Park, St. Simon's, the Rev. J. H. Haslam, on the 10th. A sermon was also delivered on the same evening at St. Thomas's, Shepherd's Bush, by the Rev. J. Bailey.

KENSINGTON DEANERY.

In this deanery the list of services and meetings contained particulars of nearly one hundred, but this by no means represented the total number at which the claims of the heathen were prominently mentioned during the week, no notice having been printed of the numerous ordinary meetings and Bible-classes at which the cause of Missions was dwelt on—it merely represented those for which preachers or speakers had to be provided. The list of services, as circulated by the Ruridecanal Committee, took the form of a small sixteen-page book, with some introductory remarks from the pen of the Rev. H. W. Webb-Peploe. It was thought that in this form it would be more convenient to carry in the pocket for reference during the week.

A. R. PENNEFATHER.

GENERAL MEETINGS.

Kensington.—On Saturday, February 5th, at 5.45 p.m. a devotional meeting for prayer was held at the Vestry Hall. The room was quite full. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Ll. Lloyd, and the Vicar of Kensington. The Revs. G. R. Thornton and William Law delivered interesting addresses.

LL. LLOYD.

At the great meeting in the Vestry Hall on Monday, February 7th, at 3 p.m., the Ven. Archdeacon Hessey took the chair. He was supported by the Rural Dean, several of the clergy of the deanery, and a large number of laymen. The room, which holds about 300, was densely packed. Archdeacon Hessey spoke, followed

by Canon Money, Major Seton Churchill, Rev. Eustace Brennan, and the Hon. and Rev. E. C. Glyn. E. A. LITCHFIELD.

Ladbroke Hall was well filled with an attentive audience on Tuesday evening, when Dr. Thornton, Vicar of St. John's, Notting Hill, took the chair at eight o'clock. After a hymn and prayer, Major Seton Churchill, late Secretary of the Kensington Association, gave an interesting account of his experiences of Missions in the many Eastern countries where he had been, and pointed out that whenever missionary work has been misrepresented it has been by persons wholly ignorant of the subject. After alluding to the great causes for encouragement, he urged the serious claim which rests on all Christians towards the heathen and Mohammedan world. The Rev. Dr. Weitbrecht followed, and dwelt further on the responsibility of Christians, showing how wonderfully God was preparing the way for the work at the present time, and how, through recent events in the far East, some of the great hindrances to Mission work were being rolled away. Dr. Weitbrecht, in concluding his stirring and thoughtful speech, gave various details concerning his own labours in India. The Rev. Eustace Brennan succeeded him with an earnest exhortation, in which, after reminding his hearers of the debt English people owe to the Celtic and Roman missionaries of bygone days, he showed by statistics that Christianity is making solid progress, which should encourage us to great efforts for the spread of Christian truth, more especially among the millions of our world-wide Empire.

On Wednesday there was a meeting for children of the upper classes in the Vestry Hall; the Rural Dean presided, and the hall was crowded. The Rev. H. M. M. Hackett gave a most interesting and stirring address, full of anecdotes, exhibiting various pictures of Indian gods, &c. At the conclusion, a very large number of missionary boxes were applied for. A. R. PENNEFATHER.

A meeting was held on Friday evening at the Town Hall, under the presidency of the Bishop of London. It was very well attended, and its interest sustained by the addresses which were delivered. The Bishop was supported by the Bishop of Cork, the Vicar, the Hon. and Rev. E. Carr Glyn, the Rev. Preb. Tucker, the Hon. T. H. W. Pelham, the Rev. G. R. Thornton, the Rev. H. Sharpe, General Maelagan, General Maisey, Major-General Clifford, Major-General Chitty, Colonel Petrie, Colonel C. E. Stewart, Mr. Herbert Saunders, Q.C., &c.

At this meeting the Bishop of London remarked that as it was the last, it ought to have a very solemn character. We were not met to agree to resolutions and decide what we should immediately do, but to meditate on what the Father wills, and to resolve that we shall do His will. We have joined in prayer, we have heard God's Word, we have heard of the needs: we must not think that, having heard all this, we are free to forget it all. Every man is responsible for his own good resolutions, feelings, and desires to serve God better. The Bishop was followed by Major Seton Churchill; and Colonel Stewart spoke of the good work accomplished in Persia under Dr. Bruce and Mr. Hoernle. The Hon. T. H. W. Pelham referred to his father having been President of the C.M.S. for more than fifty years, and in his dying hours he was heard to say, "Africa, China," showing that he was praying for those countries. The Bishop of Cork observed, in answer to the question, What shall be the outcome of the one thousand meetings which have been held this week, and the 750 sermons which were preached last Sunday?—shall we search in our purses for the smallest coin we can find—or the conventional guinea? Shall we forget all about it?—or shall we pray earnestly, and give ourselves to the work? It was a question for the Church at large, and for each individual. E. A. LITCHFIELD.

Kensington: St. Mary Abbots.—The Vicar (the Hon. and Rev. E. C. Glyn) from the outset threw himself very heartily into the movement, and on more than one occasion drew the attention of his congregation to the subject from the pulpit. He had arranged to have an early celebration of the Holy Communion each day at half-past eight o'clock, and on those days when no general meetings were held there were parochial gatherings. The Central meetings were mostly

held in his parish, and consequently in describing them one has, to a great extent, described the meetings in St. Mary Abbott's parish.

A. R. PENNEFATHER.

Kensington: St. Mary Abbots.—The Tuesday afternoon meeting in the Vestry Hall was well attended, there being about 150 people, apparently all of the better class. There was a spirit of prayer throughout. Mr. Churchward spoke earnestly, followed by the Rev. R. R. Meadows, who gave some missionary illustrations, and the Rev. S. W. Darwin Fox, who told of his visits to Sierra Leone and Lagos.

— On Tuesday evening a drawing-room meeting was held, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gordon, for young women engaged in houses of business. There was a very good attendance, and great interest shown in addresses by the Rev. H. E. Fox and the Rev. F. Glanvill.

E. A. LITCHFIELD.

— The Vicar took the chair at the Vestry Hall on Wednesday evening, at a quarter to six. The Rev. H. Armstrong Hall was absent through illness, and consequently Mr. W. B. Harington was the only speaker, who said he hoped that these F.S.M. might be the beginning of a real yearning for the return of our King. We have "exceeding great and precious promises" in the Word of God concerning His Kingdom, so uplifting and glorious that there is no room for the slightest despondency. Do not let us be discouraged by the black masses marked on a missionary map, for they are perforated with spots of light. He would urge upon the ladies present the importance of missionary work. It is because the women of England are engaging in this labour in India, that now from all parts we hear that never was such a real spirit of inquiry seen as now. On Wednesday evening, at 8.30, a drawing-room meeting for young men engaged in business was held at 7, Vicarage Gate, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gordon. There was a very large attendance, and great interest was aroused. The addresses were by the Hon. T. H. W. Pelham and Mr. Eugene Stock.

E. A. LITCHFIELD.

— On Thursday afternoon, the Vicar again presided at a meeting in the Vestry Hall. The Rev. J. A. Faithfull and Colonel Morton were the deputation.

E. A. LITCHFIELD.

— At the Thursday evening service in the church the Rev. Dr. Butler, Master of Trinity, was the preacher.

C. L. BELL.

Brompton: Holy Trinity.—On the 13th sermons were preached and collections made on behalf of the C.M.S.: preacher, the Hon. and Rev. E. C. Glyn.

Earl's Court: St. Philip's.—The F.S.M. pamphlets were freely distributed here. A letter from the Vicar, together with a list of local meetings and parochial services were also scattered freely over the parish. On Sunday, the 6th, special prayers were read for blessings on missionary effort. Sermons were preached both morning and evening, and in the afternoon to the children, who were told of little Africans who brought 4000 cowries as their contribution. On Monday afternoon a packed mothers' meeting was held, and in the evening there was a drawing-room gathering of young shopwomen. They were entertained with tea and coffee, and Mrs. Claude Bell then briefly explained the reason of their meeting. The card with "Plea for Missions" was shown to illustrate how much remained to be done. The need of reading missionary magazines was also pointed out. Miss Dumergue then spoke upon the work in Africa. Miss Litchfield told of a little Red Indian girl to whom a sense of a Saviour's need had been brought by the singing of that hymn, "I would that my Saviour were your Saviour too;" from which they should learn the duty of looking to see if they had this Saviour, and if so, whether they were speeding His name. On leaving, each was given a copy of Mr. Arden's *C.M.S.—What is it?* and many back numbers of the *Gleaner* were distributed. On Tuesday another drawing-room meeting was held at Lady Denison's. The Rev. W. Smale was in the chair. He considered that much was lost owing to the insufficient number of meetings that had been held, and he therefore hoped that this multiplying of meetings and services would really rouse attention. The Revs. J. A. Clowes, C. G. O'Donoghue, and G. C. Reynell, and Eugene Stock, Esq., also spoke.

C. L. BELL.

Earl's Court: St. Philip's.—On Thursday a very much larger congregation than it is usually possible to gather on a week-day met in this church at 8 p.m. to hear Mr. Clowes, who spoke to them deep, earnest words on 2 Kings vii. 9. We noticed that many of the poor were present, as well as a good proportion of others more well-to-do. It was a solemn time, and there were words spoken which must have sunk down into many hearts.

C. L. BELL.

— On Sunday, the 13th, a special service for children had been arranged, though this was not the usual Sunday for bringing the schools to church. The Rev. J. H. Clowes gave a most interesting address. Even the little ones must have been able to carry away something. There was marked attention, which grew as the sermon went on. This was noticeable even quite at the far end of the church. Several children have just applied for magazines and boxes.

C. L. BELL.

Kensington: All Saints'.—On Monday, at 10 a.m., there was service of intercession followed by Holy Communion. In the afternoon the Rev. F. Glanvill delivered an address to women. In the evening efforts were made to collect an audience for a meeting, but it was somewhat small and poor. On Thursday evening a sermon was preached by the Bishop of Rupert's Land.

— **St. Andrew.**—On Sunday, 6th, sermons were preached, and on Monday afternoon an instructive address was given by Mrs. Robert Clark in the Mission Hall, to women only. About 150 were present. In the evening a juvenile meeting was held in the same hall, when 280 of our more thoughtful children, with teachers and others, were present, and listened most attentively to missionary scenes and work in U-Ganda. On Wednesday evening a special sermon was preached by the Rev. J. H. Clowes to a good and attentive congregation. The numbers were about double the usual attendance on Wednesday evenings. On Thursday evening the meeting held in our Mission Hall for working people was not so large as we expected. The Revs. S. L. Dixon and S. W. Darwin Fox, and G. E. Eliot, Esq., gave very interesting addresses, and the audience were much pleased. On Friday afternoon the drawing-room meeting held at this Vicarage was crowded, and the addresses by Mr. Eliot and the Rev. F. Glanvill were excellent. This was the concluding meeting connected with St. Andrew's, and we have reasons to hope that much good has been done by them.

R. TOWERS, Vicar.

— **St. Barnabas.**—In this parish there has been a free distribution of literature, and on Sunday morning copies of Farrar's Sermon and "Facts" with Diagrams were both placed in the seats; and on January 30th others by way of preparation. On Friday, 4th, the usual monthly communicants' service was adapted as one of preparation for the F.S.M. The Rev. W. H. Dyson gave a most suitable address. On Sunday, at early Communion, there were sixty-five communicants. Special intercession was asked for Missions and missionaries. The Vicar preached to a very large congregation at 11 a.m. upon Acts xiii. 51, 52, "Missionaries, discarded dust;" and at the afternoon service gave an address to young people. At 7 p.m. the Vicar preached again, upon "Working to the times of our agreement with the good Householder to go and work in His vineyard." Mr. Roxby, of Brighton, preached in the church on Tuesday evening. On Wednesday a service was held amongst the poor people. On Thursday a largely attended meeting for ladies was held, in the afternoon, at the Vicarage, when the Rev. Gilbert Karney addressed them upon the Zenana work of the Society. An earnest, solemn tone prevailed. This meeting brought the parochial efforts to a close.

On Monday a *conversazione* was held at the Vicarage, for gentlemen only, by invitation of the Vicar. Some forty were present. The Rev. E. Brennan delivered an effective address. The Vicar asked the gentlemen present to discuss the subject freely. The conversation proved to be most interesting, and awakened considerable interest. It seemed to those responsible for this gathering that the encouragement fully sufficed to urge on others a similar attempt. If truer views and greater interest come to our business men this week, how much is gained!

G. R. THORNTON, Vicar.

Kensington: St. Mark's Mission Hall.—On Sunday, special subjects were chosen to bear upon the work of the coming week. Unusual attention was shown by good congregations. On Monday afternoon a meeting for women was addressed by Miss Buller. There were other hearers besides the ordinary gathering of the mothers' meeting. A very impressive description of the Zenanas of India, and the low level of Indian women was given. It was suggested that a missionary box should be always on the table at the regular meetings on Monday afternoons. In the evening, in conjunction with Christ Church, an earnest and attentive Working People's Meeting was addressed by the Hon. and Rev. E. Carr Glyn, the Rev. J. H. Clowes, and the Hon. T. H. W. Pelham. I was pleased with the tone of this gathering. Those most in sympathy with the subject were there, and took an intelligent and heartfelt interest in what was said. On Tuesday a well-attended meeting took place in the Ladbroke Hall. On Wednesday we had a special service, with sermon, by the Rev. R. R. Meadows. There were twice as many in the congregation as usual, which is, however, generally small. Reference to missionary work was well received. Still there might have been a fuller response, and the place more crowded. It showed that more education was wanted in the neighbourhood to keep up the interest for any length of time. (This was the fourth day.) On Thursday there was a fairly good attendance at All Saints' Church. On Friday a highly successful children's meeting was addressed by the Rev. F. Glanvill, much to the point and aroused great interest. There was a very good attendance of children, together with some adults. The subject of Missions had been carefully brought before the Sunday-school for three or four years past, and this was a direct result of it. There were other children from the neighbourhood at the meeting. As one result of this gathering three private missionary boxes have been applied for. On Saturday a devotional meeting of working people and others was held. It aroused the interest of some who attend a small Mission Room, in connection with St Mark's Mission Hall. The subject of the evening evoked heartfelt sympathy and prayer. On the whole, some spirit of inquiry was aroused amongst those who previously had not regarded the subject of Foreign Missions to any great extent, while much encouragement was given to those who had already taken it up as a labour of love. Our annual sermons and meeting will be in March, when we trust we may show some definite result.

H. STAPLETON.

On Wednesday, I preached to a small but very attentive congregation in the Mission Hall. There were more present than usual on a Wednesday evening. On Thursday was the fortnightly temperance lecture, and I was asked to explain temperance in its bearings upon Mission work, which I was glad to do. Mr. Eliot Howard and one of Mr. Peploe's curates also spoke. Audience enthusiastic.

R. RUST MEADOWS.

——— **St. George's, Campden Hill.**—There was a children's service here on the Sunday afternoon.

LL. LLOYD.

——— **St. Jude's.**—There was a good attendance at a meeting for servants on Thursday night: address by the Rev. Ll. Lloyd, China.

——— A drawing-room meeting was held on Thursday at No. 1, Bolton Gardens, S.W. Dr. Forrest took the chair, and the speakers were the Rev. J. H. Clowes and the Rev. F. Glanvill. About 150 ladies and gentlemen were present, who appeared most interested. The meeting closed at 6 p.m.

EMILY E. DUMERGUE, Sec. C.M.S. Ladies' Union.

——— On the 13th sermons were preached and collections made. Preachers: morning, the Bishop of Exeter; evening, the Rev. A. H. Arden. The address in the afternoon was given by the Rev. Dr. Forrest.

At the last sermon for the C.M.S. in this parish in 1885, the sum of 96*l.* was collected. The offertory on Sunday, 13th February, 1887, amounted to 122*l.* Twenty-eight missionary boxes have been given out since the first drawing-room meeting.

——— **St. Luke's, Redcliffe Square.**—Sermons: preachers, the Revs. S. W. Darwin Fox and F. Glanvill.

Kensington: St. Michael and All Angels.—Sermons: preachers, the Revs. W. H. Dyson and H. G. Hellier.

——— **St. Paul's, Onslow Square.**—We append the following programme of work done in this parish:—

ST. PAUL'S, ONSLOW SQUARE.

Vicar: The Rev. H. W. WEBB-PEPLOE.

Sunday, 6th. At all Services. Sermons on Missionary Work. (11 a.m., 3.30 p.m., 7 p.m.).

Monday. 11.30 a.m. Service and Address. The Rev. J. B. Whiting.

4 p.m. Address in Church Room. Col. Stewart.

8 p.m. Sermon. The Rev. Canon Scott-Moncreiff.

Tuesday. 11.30 a.m. Service and Address. The Rev. J. B. Whiting.

4 p.m. Address in Church Room. H. Gibson, Esq.

8 p.m. Sermon. The Rev. Canon McCormick.

Wednesday. 11.30 a.m. Service and Address. The Rev. J. B. Whiting.

4 p.m. Address in Church Room. W. B. Harington, Esq.

8 p.m. Sermon. The Rev. B. Baring-Gould.

Thursday. 11.30 a.m. Service and Address. The Rev. J. B. Whiting.

4 p.m. Address in Church Room. Major Seton Churchill.

8 p.m. Sermon. The Lord Bishop of Cork.

Friday. 11.30 a.m. Service and Address. The Rev. J. B. Whiting.

4 p.m. Address in Church Room. Eugene Stock, Esq.

8 p.m. Sermon. The Rev. Canon Hoare.

Saturday. 7.30 p.m. Prayer-meeting in the Church Room.

Sunday, 13th. 11 a.m. The Rev. E. A. Stuart.

3.30 p.m. The Bishop of Bedford.

7 p.m. The Rev. H. W. Webb-Peploe.

(The Offertories at all Services on this day (13th) will be for the C.M.S.)

Our Church Missionary mission had a most promising beginning. On Saturday evening the prayer-meeting was crowded, as were also the Sunday services. The Vicar gave strong preparatory addresses. The Rev. Carr Glyn preached on Sunday afternoon. The first of our week-day morning gatherings was decidedly better attended than we expected, and on Monday afternoon our Church Room was nearly full to hear Colonel Stewart. There seems great promise of blessing.

G. F. WHIDBORNE.

On Tuesday I attended at Mr. Webb-Peploe's church-room, and gave an address. There was not a large attendance; but as the meeting was only one out of several held during the week, this was not to be wondered at. The people were very attentive and seemed interested, and we felt that the Lord was with us.

H. GIBSON.

Mr. Whiting said the address to servants on Thursday was one of the most interesting he had had.

The missionary week in connection with the F.S.M. closed on the 13th. It has been most successful, giving us the greatest reason for praising God. The attendances at the morning services were about 250, and remained pretty steady at that number; much interest was taken in Mr. Whiting's solemn addresses. In the afternoons the first and last meetings were the most successful, the Church Room being full in both cases; the other three were not quite as well attended. The evening services had, as a rule, about 300 people. The Rev. James Johnson failing through ill-health, Mr. Baring-Gould gave us a most touching address. The Vicar has hopes that Mr. Johnson, may preach for us before his return to Lagos. On Saturday the prayer-meeting was full to overcrowding, Mr. Peploe speaking on "What do ye more?" On Sunday the annual C.M.S. sermons were preached. In the morning the church was crowded, people sitting on the pulpit stairs, the vestry and the communion step being full. Mr. Stuart preached from "Who knowest if thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" In the afternoon the church was about two-thirds full, when the Bishop of Bedford preached to men on Missions, and at the same time the Church Room and passage to it was crammed for a service to children, with a sermon by the Vicar on the feeding of the five thousand. In the evening the church was also full, the congregation being much larger than was to be expected after the afternoon

services. There was a most liberal response financially: the actual money collected was 292*l.*, and promises of subscriptions were made to the amount of 50*l.*; besides this, there were two gifts of 100*l.* each upon conditions. There were also two offers of service from two young women.
G. F. WHIDBORNE.

Kensington: St. Peter's, Cranley Gardens.—On February 6th, a sermon at 11 a.m. was preached to a large and attentive congregation. The offertory amounted to 44*l.*
LL. LLOYD.

———— **Holy Trinity, Latimer Road.**—On Sunday sermon to children by the Rev. William Law. On Monday, address to women: speaker, Mrs. Beynon.

Notting Hill.—A splendid drawing-room meeting, at 5, Ladbroke Square, at the house of Mrs. Clarke. One hundred and thirty were present by invitation, all from the better class. Speakers: Revs. S. W. Darwin Fox and R. R. Meadows, and G. Eliot, Esq. Mr. G. Eliot spoke particularly well; also Mr. Fox.
R. RUST MEADOWS.

———— **Christ Church.**—On Saturday there was a prayer-meeting held; and on Monday, at 3 p.m., an address to women by the Rev. R. R. Meadows. On Wednesday evening a sermon was delivered by the Rev. F. Glanvill.

———— The mothers' meeting at Mr. Clarke's room, Ladbroke Hall, numbered 100, with a few ladies.
R. RUST MEADOWS.

BLOOMSBURY, ST. GEORGE'S, DEANERY.

Bloomsbury.—By the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. George Williams a large number of ladies and gentlemen met on the 5th at No. 13, Russell Square, the gathering being a preliminary one to the week of Simultaneous Prayer to be held throughout the metropolis. The proceedings were of a very interesting and stirring character. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Neville Sherbrooke, and addresses given by Sir Douglas Fox, the Revs. Charles F. Warren (formerly a missionary in Japan) and J. B. Whiting. The meeting was closed by the Rev. Prebendary Whittington.

———— It was a great success; speeches most telling; much interest excited.
H. P. G.

———— **St. George's.**—At the Mission Hall, St. George's, Bloomsbury, an address was given to a mothers' meeting, by Miss Nugent. Sixty-six were present, and the words were heard with much interest. My mothers' meeting on Tuesday was addressed by Mrs. Durrant. The room was quite filled with a very attentive audience.
C. E. POWNALL.

———— A meeting of the Ladies' C.M. Union was held at the Vestry Hall, Bloomsbury, on Wednesday evening. It was very well attended, and ably addressed by G. Eliot, Esq., and the Rev. R. P. Ashe, of U-Ganda. Much interest was excited, and after its close missionary boxes were taken, and the Society's publications readily bought. On Tuesday, the 8th, at a Bible-class held by Mrs. Charles Dibdin, 33, Woburn Square, an address was given upon the subject of Missions.
E. WHARTON THOMPSON.

———— On Friday evening, the 11th, a numerous-attended drawing-room meeting was held in the house of, and presided over by, Mr. J. Fish Pownall. There were a good many clergy present. After the reading of Scripture by the Rev. Edward Pownall, and prayer by the Rev. H. G. Le Neveu, General Brownlow spoke with great warmth and energy, bearing testimony to the noble work done by missionaries in India as witnessed by him during his thirty-five years' residence in that country. The Rev. Canon Money and the Rev. B. Baring-Gould also spoke. On Saturday afternoon, a meeting for children was held in the Vestry Hall, Little Russell Street, presided over by the Rev. H. G. Le Neveu. The room was filled, and most interesting addresses were given by Mrs. Piper, and the Rev. Ll. Lloyd. Great attention was shown throughout, and at the close of the meeting thirty new missionary boxes were distributed.
EMILY DIBDIN.

———— A sermon was preached at St. George's, Bloomsbury, on Thursday evening, by the Rev. H. P. Grubb. The text was taken from Ezekiel xlvii. 9,

"Everything shall live whither the river cometh." The preacher showed how large the field, and how inadequate the number of labourers. He spoke of the power of the Gospel to raise the position of even the most debased, and appealed to Christians to convey the message of life to those who know it not.

E. WHARTON THOMPSON.

CHELSEA DEANERY.

Chelsea : Old Church.—Sermons were preached in this church on the 6th, also at *Park Chapel*.

———— **St. John's.**—On the 5th a prayer-meeting; on the 6th sermons were preached by the Revs. H. E. Fox and J. Shaw. On Wednesday, service in church; on Thursday, service, Mission Hall, the Rev. H. E. Fox, preacher.

———— On Monday evening there was a large and very attentive meeting of children and teachers. H. E. Fox.

———— **St. Simon's and St. Jude's.**—Services or meetings were held daily in these parishes throughout the week.

———— You will be glad of a word from me as to our meetings at Chelsea. My heart is full of thankfulness for what I have seen. God was with us of a truth, and hath done great things for us. The ground had been prepared by much prayer, and the prayers were answered. We were most cordially received by the Vicar of the two churches and their people. I cannot forget the overflowing kindness I have met with on all sides. Considering the neighbourhood and the busy lives of the toilers who occupy it, the attendances were good. Our Monday evening meeting, children's services and drawing-room were specially well attended. What particularly struck my mind and rejoiced my heart was the settled and riveted attention of the people, the serious and absorbing interest manifest in a degree that clearly showed the presence and mighty working of the blessed Spirit of God in our midst. To myself it was a time of great refreshing, and that others were blessed in an equal degree I do not doubt. The F.S.M. of 1887 at Chelsea will have proved, I trust, a memorable time in the history of many. May God put the seal of His Spirit to the impressions made for the glory of his dear Son's name, and the welfare of perishing millions! I have much thankfulness for being allowed of God to take part in so glorious a work.

THOMAS E. HACKETT.

———— The results of the services and meetings in these parishes have been precisely such as were contemplated by the originators of the scheme. The spiritual tone of the addresses cannot have failed to deepen personal piety. The reiteration of the Saviour's last command has aroused believers to a deeper sense of their responsibilities and duties. The facts which have been adduced have created deep pity for the inhabitants of benighted lands, and have inspired hopes of missionary possibilities undreamt of before, with fervent desires to share in the assured triumphs of the Redeemer's kingdom. We have had many meetings, and most of them have been well attended. The speakers allotted to us were the Revs. T. E. Hackett and R. A. Pelly, Colonel Clarke, and E. M. Anderson, Esq. Mr. Hackett preached special sermons and addressed in succession meetings which had been arranged for young men and women, for children, for mothers, and for the girls of the Industrial Homes, a drawing-room meeting, as well as several gatherings of a more general character; and we confidently believe that the effect of his words will remain. Of a truth the Lord has been with us, and we are thankful.

W. P. IDDESON, Curate of St. Jude's, Chelsea.

———— **St. Jude's.**—A roomful of poor people. Evident interest and power present. Alleluia!

R. ARNOLD PELLY.

EALING DEANERY.

Acton.—Sermons were preached in the three churches on the 6th by the parochial clergy. On Monday there was a special service at St. Dunstan's, East

Acton; preacher, the Rev. F. W. Dodd, one of the missionaries sent to West Africa last year. On Tuesday afternoon a meeting was held in St. Mary's Parish Room, which was addressed by Colonel Stewart, C.M.G. On Thursday evening another meeting was held in the Mission Room, when addresses were given by the Revs. J. Seaver and J. M. West. On Friday there was a meeting in the Parochial Hall, South Acton, addressed by missionaries of the S.P.G. Devotional meetings were held in three private houses to seek God's blessing on the work. J. M. W.

Ealing.—At a drawing-room meeting here, from 80 to 100 were present. Dr. Gardiner was the speaker. At St. John's the evening service was very hearty. The large church was nearly full. Preacher: Dr. Gardiner. J. P. G.

——— On Thursday, at 3.30, a united meeting of workers from different parishes was addressed by the Bishop of Antigua, E. Clifford, Esq., and Eugene Stock, Esq.

On Friday evening a general meeting was held in the Lyric Hall. Speakers, the Rev. Dr. Oliver, Rev. G. Karney, W. Blakeney, Esq., and Eugene Stock, Esq. By some who were present this was said to be one of the most solemn meetings: the presence and power of the Holy Ghost were evidently felt.

——— **St. Matthew.**—On the 8th, in the evening, a children's service was held. Much interest. Preacher, Rev. E. N. Thwaites.

Heston.—Sermons were preached in the church on the 6th.

——— At a children's meeting there were over 170, most attentive; a good meeting; twenty missionary boxes asked for; much interest shown. The Lord be praised!
H. G. THWAITES, Newport, I. of W.

——— At our usual Wednesday evening service a very interesting address was given by the Rev. A. H. Arden. JAMES COHEN.

Sermons were also preached at **Southall, St. John's, Holy Trinity**, where meetings were held during the week.

ENFIELD DEANERY.

Barnet, New : Trent.—Sermons were preached here on the 6th.

——— Our meeting on Thursday night was a great success. The Iron Room, which holds 150 people, was crammed, and it was delightful to see all classes gathered together till there was scarcely standing room. Mr. McArthur much interested the audience, and I hope and trust all hearts were stirred. Mr. Cater was to have taken the chair, but a severe domestic affliction at the last prevented his doing so. He did not, however, allow the cause to suffer, for he sent me a cheque for 10*l.* as a donation from a well-wisher; and fresh helpers, I hope, are coming forward. W. WARREN.

Southgate: Christ Church.—The arrangements made by the Vicar (the Rev. James Baird) partook of the nature of a "Mission," the missionary being the Rev. W. Ernest Malaher, Rector of Weston Turville. Bills and missionary literature had been carefully circulated, and, in spite of a scattered population and very cold weather, the attendance at the various services and meetings throughout the week were very encouraging, all ranks being represented. On the Sunday, sermons were preached to good congregations. In the afternoon an address was given to 350 Sunday-scholars and teachers. On the Monday the Mission-room was filled for a devotional meeting, at which the teaching of Sunday was enforced and illustrated. On Tuesday, the Hall was again filled by children of all classes, who listened most attentively to the history of Bishop Crowther, illustrated by a magic lantern. On Wednesday, addresses were given at the morning service, and at a drawing-room meeting, by Miss Buller, to ladies, the subject being, "Women's Work, especially in India." In the evening a sermon was preached in the Iron Church. On Thursday a large number gathered in the Village Hall to hear addresses from the Rev. T. Kember, Principal of the Training College at Palamcottah, upon mis-

sionary work in Tinnevely, and from the Rev. W. E. Malaher, on the history of the Fuh-Kien Mission in China. On Friday a closing service was held in the church at eight o'clock, which was also well attended. A good many missionary boxes have been asked for. Missionary literature has been distributed, and steps are being taken to send "My Resolutions about Mission Work" to every communicant and church helper, as a preliminary to a canvass of the parish.

W. E. MALAHER.

Two sermons were preached on Sunday, by the Rev. W. E. Malaher; good congregations. In the afternoon the Sunday-school children assembled in the village-hall, which was completely filled. On Monday, a devotional meeting at the mission-room; full. Address on Ezekiel xlvii. 1-12; meeting much impressed with earnest words. On Tuesday a juvenile meeting was held in the Village Hall, at half-past six. There were some dissolving views, and an address by the Rev. W. E. Malaher. Some 300 to 400 young people were present. Several missionary-boxes were taken. Five special points of address, to correspond to five fingers; viz., Give to, Read of, Talk about, Work, and Pray for missionary cause. There was a service at the Parish Church on Wednesday morning, with address by Mr. Malaher. Very small attendance. Ladies' meeting in connection with the Zenana Working Party was held at Mrs. Burrows'; thirty-eight present. The address was by Miss Buller. There was also a service and sermon at the Iron Church; fair congregation. On Thursday a general meeting took place at the Village Hall. Addresses were given by Rev. T. Kember and Rev. W. E. Malaher. Best attended missionary meeting for many years past. Much interest was evinced, and some missionary boxes taken up. On Friday a service was held at the Parish Church in the evening. A very impressive sermon was delivered by Mr. Malaher. There was a good congregation. The Mission has been much appreciated, and we hope that the earnest, faithful, and loving words which were given to Mr. Malaher may, by the power of the Holy Ghost, be engraven upon all our hearts.

W. A. MOORE.

Tottenham: Christ Church.—On Sunday Mr. Toase, of Enfield, gave an address to the Sunday-school, which the children appeared to thoroughly appreciate. On Sunday evening the Rev. H. W. Whitfield preached; and on Monday evening the Rev. J. Potter held a meeting in the schoolroom. May the Holy Spirit use the words spoken! Truly it was good to be present on this occasion. On Tuesday a meeting of the Band of Hope was held, at which Mr. Stanley (an old teacher and former secretary of the Sunday-school) gave an address to a large number of children and teachers. On Wednesday service was held in the church at 8 p.m., at which the Rev. F. W. Dodd preached. At the close of the service we had three fresh subscribers; but I trust Mr. Dodd's words were blessed to the congregation in a spiritual sense. I am thankful to say that the glow of Monday's meeting does not seem to have become extinguished, and I earnestly pray that it may go on spreading. But we must wait God's time to see the result.

WALTER OAKES, Secretary.

——— **St. Paul's.**—Advantage has been taken of the F.S.M. to endeavour to awaken more interest in this parish in the work of the Church Missionary Society. For a fortnight previously the specially prepared pamphlets, No. 1, "Come over and help us," and "Facts," were circulated amongst the members of the congregation, and Nos. 4 and 8 were given to the Sunday-school children for themselves and their parents. Some of the pamphlets were placed at the railway stations on either side of the parish. Bills were also posted and a notice put in the local newspaper. On Wednesday evening a meeting was held in the church-room, a new and commodious building erected last year. The Rev. Hugh McSorley, Vicar, gave an account of his work amongst some Africans whom he had met with (when Chaplain in the Royal Navy) at Ascension. The deputation from the C.M.S., F. W. Groves, Esq., of Hampstead, gave numerous details of Chinese religious worship, and, by way of illustration, exhibited one of the most common household gods and specimens of the paper dresses and dummy coins annually burnt by the Chinese for the supposed benefit of their ancestors.

H. O. ALLBROOK.

ST. GEORGE'S, HANOVER SQUARE, DEANERY.

There was a prayer-meeting on the 5th at **Chester Square, St. Michael's**. Sermons on Sunday by Rev. Canon Fleming and Archdeacon Farrar. On Tuesday, Canon Gibbon and General Brownlow addressed a drawing-room and general meeting. On Thursday the Rev. J. B. Whiting preached at evening service. At *Eaton Chapel* there were sermons, and on Thursday a meeting at 4.30, at which the speakers were Sir Robert Phayre, Admiral Prevost, and Mr. Eugene Stock; the Rev. C. A. Fox presiding.

HAMPTON DEANERY.

Twickenham: St. Stephen's.—On Sunday, sermons were preached, and on Monday evening two missionary meetings were held in the Ailsa Park schoolroom, St. Margaret's. The first was specially for children. The Rev. J. B. Crozier, Vicar of Holywood, gave a descriptive account of various churches, gods, personages, &c., in India, illustrated by some excellent dissolving views. Another meeting was subsequently held at eight o'clock, when there was a good attendance; the speakers being the Rev. J. B. Crozier and the Rev. W. M. Johnston. Collections were taken on behalf of the Church Missionary Society.

— **Holy Trinity.**—On Tuesday a drawing-room meeting was held at Holy Trinity Vicarage, the Rev. D. Anderson presiding, when addresses were given by the Rev. J. B. Crozier, Col. Morton, and the Rev. Sir E. Bayley. The attendance was large, and much interest was aroused by the excellent speeches which were delivered. In the evening a public meeting was held, at which Mr. Crozier and Col. Morton again spoke with great effect. On Friday a very large number of children assembled to hear the Rev. H. M. M. Hackett, who, by the help of diagrams, &c., fixed the attention of his juvenile hearers, and succeeded in imparting a vast amount of information about Hindu worship.

D. ANDERSON.

HARROW DEANERY.

Child's Hill: All Saints'.—The children's service on Tuesday afternoon and the adults' service in the evening were well attended by those for whom they were specially designed. The Rev. C. C. McArthur illustrated the "blessed influence" of missionary work from his own experience in Ceylon. A very high standard of joyous faith and self-denying practice was set before his hearers, who were evidently much affected. The Vicar held an intermediate service in an outlying district.

J. H. CLAY.

Harrow.—On the 6th sermons were preached in the churches by the parochial clergy, and on Monday evening an aggregate meeting was held in the Public Hall at 8 p.m., presided over by the Vicar. Speakers: Rev. H. Rowley, S.P.G., and Rev. W. E. Burroughs. On Thursday a meeting in Harrow Mission Hall was addressed by the Rev. E. J. Fessenden, S.P.G. On Friday there was a united meeting in the Public Hall at 8 p.m., presided over by the Vicar. The speakers were an S.P.G. missionary and W. B. Harington, Esq. At Harrow Weald, on the 7th, the Rev. G. Furness Smith preached, and on Tuesday afternoon a drawing-room meeting took place at the Rev. D. Bushell's. Speakers: the Rev. H. W. Webb-Peploe, and the Rev. C. T. Wilson, from U-Ganda. The latter also preached at the Wednesday service at **Greenhill**. At **Greenford**, on Thursday evening, there was a service in the church and sermon by the Rev. R. Lang. At **Roxeth** there was a prayer-meeting in the Mission Hall on the Saturday evening; and on Tuesday evening the Rev. C. T. Wilson was the speaker at the Lecture Hall. On Wednesday, the Rev. G. Furness Smith preached at **Wealdstone**, and at **Wembley** on the same evening a prayer-meeting was held, followed, on Thursday evening, by a service in church, with sermon by the Rev. C. T. Wilson.

The Kilburn Association.—The Rev. G. Despard, Vicar of Trinity Church, is the indefatigable Secretary of this Aggregate Association, and had taken much

pains, both by preparatory prayer-meetings and by large posters, to secure a good and devout attendance at the meetings; he had also arranged privately that the expenses of printing and of the hire of the Town Hall should be defrayed without the necessity of either a collection or trenching upon the local funds of the Association. In all the churches there were sermons on the Sunday. On the Monday there was in the morning an administration of Holy Communion at Trinity Church, with address by the Rev. G. Despard. The afternoon and evening meetings were in the Town Hall, both being presided over by Mr. Joseph Peters. The former was of a devotional character, with a short address by one of the deputation, General Field, and prayers offered by both laity and clergy. In the evening the only speaker besides the two deputations was the Rev. G. Despard. There was a very large attendance on both occasions. In the evening the Bishop of Cork delivered a most stirring address, and General Field related his experiences for thirty years in India. Besides these aggregate gatherings there were special ones or services in the several parishes, with sermons in all the churches on Sunday. At St. John's, the Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Smith) preached on Wednesday evening upon "The introduction of intoxicating liquors amongst savage races, and the consequent miseries." On the Friday, at noon, his address was upon the "Progress of Missions." The ordinary Tuesday evening service for the poor, in the St. John's schoolroom, was made special for Foreign Missions. W. J. SMITH.

HIGHGATE DEANERY.

Finchley.—Two meetings were held in the St. Mary's National School for Finchley and district. The first one was for children, and was well attended. I think all appreciated most thoroughly the interesting addresses of the Rev. Canon Scott and Mr. Wilmot Brooke. Judging from the remarks afterwards made by members of the youthful audience, a spirit was awakened which will not quickly pass away. At the after-meeting for adults, Canon Scott and Mr. Wilmot Brooke were again the speakers. Even if earnest, heart-stirring words and fervent prayers are not to be followed immediately by visible results, many will be able to thank God for the rousing tone which pervaded the meeting last evening. Many spoke of it as having been an impressive time.

SAML. B. MAYALL.

——— **Christ Church.**—A circular was sent to every family to which a district visitor did not go. Tracts, &c., were left at each house in the parish. On Saturday a meeting for prayer was held in Christ Church school; between twenty and thirty were present. Prayer was offered by the Vicar and several laymen for blessing on the efforts during the ensuing week; and an address was given by the Vicar, founded on Acts xi. 19—23. On Sunday there were sermons on the work of the C.M.S. by the Vicar at Christ Church and St. Barnabas. On Monday there was a prayer-meeting in the schoolroom; thirty to forty being present, and increasing interest manifested. A similar meeting was again held in the schoolroom on Friday evening, and was well attended. The address was given by the Rev. H. Stephens. Sermons were preached on Sunday morning and evening in Christ Church. There was also afternoon service at St. Barnabas' Iron Church. Owing to the cold wind, our congregations were not so large as usual. On Wednesday two meetings were held in Woodside Hall, Woodside Park. About 300 young people attended at 3.30, when the chair was taken by the Rev. H. Stephens, Vicar. Besides the chairman, the Rev. H. W. Jones, the deputation, addressed the meeting. We hope many will be led to take an interest in Missions. Seventeen young persons applied for boxes, which the secretary undertook to supply. A general meeting was held in the same room at night. The chair was taken by F. A. Hamilton, Esq., J.P. The room was well filled, nearly 400 persons being present. Indeed, during my twenty-two years' residence in this parish, I have not seen a larger meeting. Addresses were delivered by the chairman, Dr. Cust, and the Rev. H. W. Jones. The plates held at the doors will yield more than 5*l.* for the Society.

H. STEPHENS, Vicar.

Gospel Oak.—On Monday, Mrs. Dibb, a missionary's widow, took my mothers' meeting, and gave them an address. E. DURRANT.

Hampstead.—The week was anticipated on Saturday evening by prayer-meetings. On Sunday, sermons were preached generally in the churches. At St. John's Chapel, Downshire Hill, an address was given by W. B. Harington, Esq.; Mr. Harington also spoke to the children of St. Stephen's schools in the afternoon. On Monday, a Mission service was held at Christ Church, at 11 a.m. At eight o'clock a meeting was held at the Bickersteth Memorial Hall, Hampstead; the Rev. G. Karney, M.A., in the chair; the Rev. H. Brass and W. B. Harington, Esq., being the speakers. The meeting was a very full one, and was most encouraging. A voluntary collection, taken towards the expenses of the F.S.M. at Hampstead, amounted to 3*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.* On Tuesday, a Mission service was held at St. Stephen's Church, at 11 a.m. The attendance was larger than could have been expected. A gathering of children in the Bickersteth Memorial Hall was addressed in the afternoon. The service at St. John's Chapel was well attended in the evening, and a most impressive address was given by the Rev. E. C. Dawson. On the morning of Wednesday a very good congregation assembled at the Parish Church, where the Bishop of Cork gave the key-note of all our energy and work for the Lord in the Mission-field in his text, "The love of Christ constraineth me." The services in the afternoon and evening were all duly carried out as arranged; also those to Sunday-school teachers and workers, in the Bickersteth Memorial Hall, by Rev. E. C. Dawson, in the afternoon, and another to children and young people. A very interesting list of some offerings of jewellery to the Lord is appended:—One large gold brooch, one old-fashioned heavy gold ring, one handsome gold necklace, one silver Maltese brooch. The afternoon and evening services as arranged for Wednesday were as follows:—A children's service at Trinity Church, when the Rev. J. Potter addressed the children; evening services in Christ Church, Trinity, and St. Stephen's, the Rev. E. C. Dawson, the Rev. J. Potter, and the Rev. C. C. McArthur being the preachers. The congregations appear to have been generally very satisfactory. On Thursday, Holy Communion, with addresses, was administered at Christ Church and Trinity. Mr. Dawson, at Christ Church, spoke very solemnly on the text, "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot," &c. The juvenile meeting in the Vestry Hall was a great success. Mr. Campbell most interesting to the children. There was a large attendance. We had intended to have assembled in the small hall, but for some reason we had to have the larger one. This proved to be fortunate, as the numbers were more than could have been seated in the small hall. C. G. ROBINSON.

On Thursday, February 3rd, Mr. Durrant met a gathering of medical students in the afternoon, only six there, but earnest and cordial. The same evening he took a drawing-room meeting at Mr. Hawkins', Upper Park Road; about thirty present, chiefly of those who were not previously linked with our work. A pleasant, genial, and successful evening. E. DURRANT.

———— There was a capital address to Sunday-school teachers, workers, and collectors by the Rev. C. Dawson at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday afternoon. He spoke of love to Christ as the basis of all true work for Him, and of the need of a consecrated life in the Christian. Mr. McArthur followed with a few words about the Norfolk Ladies' Union, and the work done by them. At 4.30 the hall was nearly filled with children and young people. A bright and interesting address was given them by Mr. McArthur.

———— On Thursday we had a very crowded meeting, as might have been expected from the presence of the Bishop of Exeter. The audience were thoroughly alive to the claims of the heathen, and the earnest words of Dr. Bickersteth would do much to fan the flame. H. HATT NOBLE.

———— The meetings on Thursday, both the juvenile and the general, were most encouraging—a fitting ending to all before. It had been intended to have taken the juveniles to the smaller vestry hall, but fortunately there was a difficulty

in getting it,—the number of children would have been far beyond the small room. Mr. Campbell gave his youthful audience a very bright address, with many little stories, and an account of the work in Madagascar. At the general meeting the hall was literally crammed, the difficulty being to find seats. Robert B. Woodd, Esq., of Woodlands, the late secretary for Hampstead, occupied the chair, and three speakers addressed the meeting—the Bishop of Exeter, General Hatt-Noble, and the Rev. J. Potter. Bishop Bickersteth is always acceptable to Hampstead folk. Amongst other things, he spoke of the wonderful openings by God's providence in China. From the late proclamation what might we not expect in the future? He also spoke of Hampstead itself as a friend to the C.M.S.; how he had rejoiced when they had got up to giving 500*l.* a year, how it went on to 1000*l.*, and at last, in one or two instances, to over 2000*l.* General Noble gave some interesting experiences of the work on the Gold Coast, and Mr. Potter concluded with an eloquent address. Altogether we have reason to thank God very much for our meetings.

C. G. ROBINSON.

Hampstead.—On Friday evening a praise-meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. J. Potter, to return thanks for the great encouragement and tokens of blessing received.

— On February 15th there was a drawing-room meeting at Mrs. Wright's—Bishop Moule, the Bishop of Exeter, and Mr. Stock spoke—intended for those to whom the subject was new, but many refused and their places were filled in with C.M.S. people; perhaps half of each may have been there. A capital meeting.

E. DURRANT.

— On February 17th we had a gathering of tradespeople at our house—heads of shops and fathers and mothers were asked. Sixty-eight sets had been invited: only seventeen persons came. We arranged tables with nearly 100 missionary curiosities in the drawing-room; tea and coffee, cake, &c., at 7.30; then chatted over the curiosities. Began the meeting about 8.15; had three hymns; Mr. Lloyd gave us a first-rate speech on China, and then Mr. Durrant on India. Though the numbers were small, there was a genial spirit, and all spoke of thoroughly enjoying it.

E. DURRANT.

Hampstead: Trinity.—Our meetings and services have been well attended, and most interesting addresses were delivered by the Rev. J. Potter. At 7.30 on Saturday, the 5th, there was a praise and prayer meeting, with an address on "The present attitude of Jesus, and His command in reference to the heathen." On Sunday morning a large and attentive congregation were addressed on Heb. ii. 3, "So great salvation," and our duty to make it known to the heathen. In the afternoon a children's service was held, after which a little girl knocked at the vestry-door and said, "I want to see the minister;" and she added, in simple and touching words, "I want to thank you, sir; I have *just* found Jesus." The congregation were deeply impressed under the evening sermon, from the well-known text, John iii. 16. On Monday an address to Christian workers was given. Many earnest prayers have been offered for God's richest blessing on London during this special effort to advance the Saviour's kingdom at home and abroad.

H. SHARPE, Vicar.

— On Tuesday there was an address to Christian workers; and on Wednesday an address to the young in the afternoon, with a sermon in the evening. On Thursday, a sermon and Holy Communion in the morning. Although much has been done for the Society in this parish for years Mr. Potter's earnest and faithful ministry will long be remembered, and create more interest in missionary work.

C. G. ROBINSON.

Hampstead, West: St. Cuthbert's.—Wednesday evening attendance somewhat thin, but, to all appearance, interested.

THOMAS CAMPBELL.

— **Emmanuel.**—There was service in this church on Tuesday evening, at 8 p.m.; the attendance numbered about 100; the Rev. J. Potter was the preacher: sermon much appreciated.

C. G. ROBINSON.

Highgate.—The annual drawing-room meeting for the C.M.S. was held on Saturday, February 5th, at Northfield, Highgate, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reynolds. The Rev. G. B. Durrant, lately returned from North India after ten years' work in Lucknow, gave an address.

On Saturday I went with Mr. Durrant to a drawing-room meeting at Mr. Alfred Reynolds', Highgate, very much amongst those new to C.M.S. interests. Capitally managed by host and hostess; speeches short, condensed, and to the point. Room so crowded that seats were put in the passages, into which the three doors opened, and all were full.

E. DURRANT.

Hornsey.—An aggregate meeting of the parishes was held in Christ Church schoolroom on Thursday evening, in connection with the F.S.M. movement. It was numerously attended—the numbers being much in excess of our ordinary gatherings—and all who were present appeared to be impressed and interested by the addresses delivered by Bishop Cheetham, the Rev. E. P. Cachemaille, and Mr. T. Falkner Allison.

C. W. EDMONSTONE.

Muswell Hill: St. James'.—Prayer-meetings have been held weekly since the beginning of the year, and for several weeks past tracts and handbills have been distributed throughout the parish. Proceedings began with a meeting for prayer on Monday night, to ask that a right spirit might be given, and that a blessing might rest upon all the gatherings. The attendance was most encouraging, being several times larger than at an ordinary parochial prayer-meeting.

At 11 a.m., on Tuesday, there was a celebration of Holy Communion, with address by Vicar on Genesis xii. 2. Again a very much larger congregation than we usually have at these week-day services, and thirty-seven communicants. At 8 p.m. we had an excellent meeting in the parish-room: it was well filled, and close attention was manifested throughout. General Noble gave an interesting address.

E. P. CACHEMAILLE.

On Tuesday evening I went to Mr. Cachemaille's, where we had a most earnest, attentive roomful, and by the look of the audience it was clear their hearts were in the Lord's work.

H. HATT NOBLE.

On Wednesday afternoon we had a children's service and catechetical sermon by the Rev. H. Newton. The attendance was actually larger than we usually have at our quarterly services for children, and the sermon was so clear and simple that they could not fail to remember its outline. The attention was good, and the replies prompt and accurate. In the evening the parish-room was again filled with an audience mostly of young women. Unhappily, scarcely any young men were present. Mr. A. Beresford Pite gave a spiritual and impressive address. The attendances have been much above the average.

Our Thursday and Friday services were very good. On Friday evening our closing one was held. There was a decidedly larger attendance than our average. On the whole, our meetings have been a decided success as to number and tone, so far as one can judge from outward appearances.

E. P. CACHEMAILLE.

Stroud Green.—A drawing-room meeting was held on Tuesday evening, at which eighty-seven were present. The Rev. Dr. Gardiner gave an earnest address on the deep need of the heathen world. We have every hope that an increased interest in the great work will result.

ROBT. STAREY.

ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS DEANERY.

St. Martin-in-the-Fields.—Sermons were preached here by the Revs. J. F. Kitto (Vicar), and J. H. Cheadle. A practical conclusion was given to the subject by the collections which were made in the church for C.M.S., and which amounted to 26*l*. On Monday a devotional meeting was held in the schools, and on Wednesday a devotional service in church, when an address was given by the Vicar, who also preached on the subject at the eight o'clock service the same evening.

— On Friday afternoon, the drawing-room meeting at the Vicarage was a marked success. The Rev. J. F. Kitto, Vicar of the parish, presided, and very

eloquent and touching addresses were given by Bishop Cheetham and Captain Lewis. On Sunday collections were made in the church and in the Sunday-schools in aid of the C.M.S.; therefore the new Missionary Association to be formed in the parish starts with a substantial beginning of nearly 30*l*.

St. Mary-le-Strand.—Sermons were preached by the Rector, on Sunday morning from Acts xvi. 9, and in the evening from Gal. iii. 8, to good attendances.
L. TUGWELL.

———— On Monday evening the sermon was preached by the Rev. T. Campbell, Vicar of Laister Dyke, and late missionary in Madagascar. The sermon and service were very encouraging. There was much attention paid by the congregation, who joined heartily in the responses and in singing the missionary hymns.

———— Both the Wednesday and Friday evenings have been well attended and very successful. Excellent sermons were preached by the Rev. W. Adamson, from John iii. 17, and by Bishop Cheetham, from Heb. vii. 25. L. TUGWELL.

ST. MARYLEBONE DEANERY.

Marylebone.—On Tuesday evening a united meeting was held in *St. Mary's Hall, Bryanston Square*. The Vicar of St. Mary's, the Hon. and Rev. Canon Leigh, presided, and there were present on the platform Canon Cadman, the Revs. W. Hay Chapman, Nevile Sherbrooke, E. A. Midwinter, E. F. Shaw, Talbot Rice, H. Cooper, H. C. Strickland, &c. There were about 700 persons in the body of the hall. The Chairman explained that the Bishop of Sodor and Man, who was to have presided that evening, was unavoidably detained in his diocese, and that Lord Ducie, one of the Vice-Presidents of the C.M.S., would have been present but for a previous engagement. Prayers were offered by Canon Cadman and the Rev. W. Hay Chapman, and a portion of Holy Scripture read by the Rev. N. Sherbrooke. Earnest addresses were delivered by Mr. Henry Gibson, a member of the Parent Society, and by the Rev. W. T. Storrs, Vicar of Sandown, Isle of Wight, for sixteen years a missionary in India.

We had a very good united meeting in Marylebone on Tuesday night.

HERBERT COOPER.

St. Marylebone Infirmary.—A very interesting gathering of the officials and nurses of St. Marylebone Infirmary, of which I am chaplain, was addressed by Canon Scott-Moncreiff and the Rev. W. G. Mallett.

SIDNEY BOTT.

———— About sixty nurses and officials were present on Friday afternoon. Canon Scott-Moncreiff spoke well. It was very encouraging. W. G. MALLET.

Maida Vale.—Mr. Durrant took a meeting here on Tuesday evening.

E. DURRANT.

Bryanston Square: St Mary's.—On Sunday special sermons were preached by the Rector, the Hon. and Rev. Canon Leigh. Monday being the weekly meeting of the Parochial Temperance Society, Canon Leigh made the special subject for prayer and debate, "The Obstacles to Mission work abroad through the drinking customs of Christian people." Addresses bearing on this head were delivered by the Rev. G. W. Barnard and Messrs. Brett and Robinson.

———— On Wednesday, at noon, an aggregate service was held, when the Ven. Archdeacon Bardsley took the place of the Bishop of Sodor and Man as preacher.

Langham Place: All Souls'.—As one who was present during the F.S.M. week, it will interest your supporters to know that both in the morning and evening the services were well attended, especially that of the evening, when, after a selection of prayers from the Prayer-book, and a special lesson, a few words were said by the Rev. Sholto D. C. Douglas, followed by intercession for various works connected with foreign Missions. The morning address was also by Mr. Douglas; the closing prayer by our new Rector, the Rev. W. Hay Chapman. Prayers were offered at both services, not only by the clergy, but by several lay members of the congregation.

W. H. DIXEY.

Emmanuel, Maida Hill.—On Sunday sermons were preached in connection with the F.S.M., by the Revs. J. Gosset Tanner, J. D. Mullins, and M. N. Walde; and on Tuesday evening a meeting was held in the schoolroom, Richmond Street, Mr. Tanner in the chair. The Rev. G. B. Durrant, deputation from the C.M.S., sketched the work in Lucknow, a field in which the progress, if slow, was sure, and in which a solid foundation of truth was being laid. On Wednesday evening the Rev. J. Gosset Tanner preached, reviewing the missionary success of apostolic times and comparing it with our own. On Thursday evening a small children's meeting was held.
J. D. MULLINS.

St. Marylebone: Trinity.—An anticipatory drawing-room meeting was held at Mrs. Alexander's, 128, Harley Street, at which the Revs. Llewellyn Lloyd (from China), H. Sutton (Central Secretary), Canon Cadman, and Nevile Sherbrooke spoke. On Sunday sermons were preached morning and evening by the Rector, the Rev. Canon Cadman. In the afternoon an address to children was given by the Rev. Wm. Ostle.

— On Monday afternoon an address was delivered to women in the church, at which 127 were present.
E. B. HARTLEY.

— In the evening a missionary meeting was held in the schoolroom, which was largely attended, when addresses were given by the Revs. Sydenham L. Dixon, of Worthing, Canon Cadman, J. S. Verschoyle, H. C. Strickland, and E. B. Hartley. An address was also given to the Communicants' Union in church on the words, "For My Sake." On Wednesday evening the Rev. W. Hay Chapman preached.

Portman Chapel.—Mr. G. Wilmot Brooke delivered a missionary address at the Saturday weekly prayer-meeting. On Sunday sermons were preached by the Rev. N. Sherbrooke. In the afternoon a very large and most successful gathering of children assembled and listened with the greatest attention to the Rev. Thomas Turner (St. Saviour's, Fitzroy Square). About 700 children were present. Mr. Brooke also spoke at the Band of Hope on Monday.

— On Tuesday evening, in company with the Rev. W. Storrs, I went to Mr. Nevile Sherbrooke's, where we had a meeting of about 700 people. Most of them, we were told, were really interested in missionary work, and had come to be stirred up to greater zeal and activity in the Master's cause.
H. GIBSON.

On Wednesday afternoon Lady Lillias Sherbrooke held a drawing-room meeting for children. Mr. Brooke gave the address. Mrs. Sorabjee, from Poonah, spoke at the mothers' meeting, and in the evening, in the Reeve Mission-room, a magic lantern was exhibited and a lecture given on Japan by the Rev. H. Geary (St. Thomas', Portman Square). The meetings have all been well attended.

Portman Square: St. Thomas'.—A very good meeting on Tuesday; the largest they have ever had; people interested. A lady secretary volunteered after the meeting.
THOMAS CAMPBELL.

St. John's Wood.—On Thursday night a meeting took place at the Eyre Arms Assembly Rooms, Canon Duckworth in the chair. Speakers: the Rev. Canon Scott-Moncreiff, and Sydney Gedge, Esq., M.P.
J. ROBERTSON.

Sermons in this Deanery were also preached in *Brunswick Chapel* and *Lisson Grove, St. Paul's*.

PADDINGTON DEANERY.

The arrangements in this Deanery were made by a local committee comprising all the clergy, and were not exclusively in connection with the C.M.S. Nineteen churches took part. The whole of the clergy joined, and the programme comprised no less than a hundred meetings and services within the week, besides those on Sunday. The general meetings were planned on a broad basis, and two S.P.G. deputations were supplied, the Rev. H. Rowley, formerly in Central Africa, and the Rev. J. Fairclough, for twenty years in Burmah. The drawing-room meetings are especially well spoken of. All the churches had excellent arrangements. There was also a notable "Conference for Men," at which Lord Northbrook, Dr. Cust, and Mr. Arthur Mills spoke.

GENERAL MEETINGS.

A meeting was held at the Paddington Baths, Queen's Road, in connection with the February Simultaneous Meetings on the Friday evening. The chair was occupied by the Bishop of Bedford, and among those present on the platform were: The Revs. T. B. Harvey Brooks, H. B. Colchester, P. H. Collins, H. Cowell, H. Dening, W. M. Farquhar, G. L. Harding, R. J. Knowles, J. Maconechy, Prebendary Moore, J. F. Sullivan, R. T. West, the Hon. H. Noel, General Gillilan, and Messrs. H. R. Arbuthnot, W. H. Baron, R. F. Measor, F. C. J. Millar, Q.C., W. Sandby, P. V. Smith, and Eugene Stock. After the offering of prayer by Prebendary Moore (Rural Dean), the proceedings were commenced by an impressive address from Bishop Moule (Mid China), followed by Mr. Sydney Gedge, M.P., the Rev. H. Rowley, and the Bishop of Bedford. The speeches were warmly received, and great interest was evinced by the large audience.

It was a fine sight to see the Queen's Park Hall filled to overflowing on Monday, the 7th, at the combined public meeting. When we looked on the hundreds of thronging listeners, and remembered that it was only one out of a thousand other gatherings, we compared it with the times fifty years ago when a missionary meeting was a proverb for dulness or a butt for ridicule, and thanked God. This being the public meeting for West Paddington, we were favoured with unusually attractive speakers. The Rev. J. Fairclough, an S.P.G. missionary, gave us a graphic description of the country and religion of Burmah. Canon M'Cormick, in his manly voice, spoke of five excellent reasons for the work. First, of course, the Lord's Command; second, The world's taunt at Christians; third, The condition of the Heathen; fourth, Our past neglect; and fifth, Christian Patriotism. The third reason he illustrated by the lamentable picture of an idol covered all over with balls of paper; these had been chewed up and then spit at the image by sufferers from various diseases, under the belief that if they could hit the part of the idol in which they themselves were afflicted, their cure would follow! Mr. Eugene Stock, the Editorial Secretary of the C.M.S., in the closing speech, gave us an account of the rapid progress of the work, showing its wonderful development during the Queen's fifty years on the throne, and concluded by urging upon all present to prayerfully consider in what way they could manifest a deeper and more practical interest in the fulfilment of our Lord's last command.

SIDNEY BOTT.

Bayswater: St. Matthew.—On Sunday, very large congregations morning and evening. Hundreds of men were at the afternoon special service, and that in the schoolroom at night was crowded: a spirit of hearing certainly given. Thank God for this. On Monday there was a good attendance of upper classes at the morning prayer-meeting; tone, earnest and expectant. Gold has already begun to come in, though, as yet, I have not asked for it. Praise Him for this good beginning!

FILMER SULLIVAN, Vicar.

———— A very happy day on Sunday; excellent sermons from the Bishop of Sodor and Man. A liberal response—136%; the largest we have had in one day for the C.M.S. Other offerings have come in during the week. Thank God for His mercies!

F. SULLIVAN.

———— On Tuesday a large gathering of children; very attentive to the interesting and profitable address by the Rev. T. Campbell. On Wednesday, an influential gathering, and a most admirable address by the Rev. G. Karney. Great power and interest. For these mercies and tokens of favour in our midst, let us give praise and thanks to our God.

F. SULLIVAN.

———— On Thursday there was a good meeting in the schoolroom, with excellent addresses. Much attention and practical outcome. On Friday, great interest at morning service, and very full meeting at Paddington Baths, with admirable speeches. Great attention. Thank God for all these mercies.

F. SULLIVAN.

———— The Bishop of Sodor and Man preached here on the 13th inst.

Harrow Road: Emmanuel Church.—A very fair congregation on Thursday evening; very hopeful meeting afterwards to form association.—W. G. MALLETT.

Kensal Green: St. John.—On Sunday there were sermons morning and evening, and in the afternoon an address to children in church. On Wednesday, at 8 p.m., a meeting was held in the Mission Room, and on Thursday there was evening prayer with address.

———— **St. Jude.**—Admirable meeting of 350 children at 6.30, and a conference of about eighty thoughtful people at 8.30. Most suggestive addresses by three clergy and three laymen. Warm, prayerful, and believing. Altogether encouraging. The Rev. Sidney Bott presided. J. GRITTON.

———— On Tuesday, Dr. Gritton, who had previously addressed 250 excellently well-behaved children in the hall, at 8.30, opened a Conference at the Institute, on "The Reflex Benefits of Missions." After the subject had been continued in spirited little speeches by Mr. Arkwright, Mr. Bothamley, and Mr. Earle, the meeting was brought to a close by the Vicar. On Wednesday, the Rev. J. P. Hobson preached, and conducted a prayer-meeting; and on Thursday evening read a most interesting paper, followed by discussion, on "Missionary Principles as exhibited in the Acts of the Apostles." In the discussion Mr. Arkwright, Mr. Young, and Mr. Bothamley took part, Mr. Bott and Mr. Hobson closing. At three o'clock the same day Mr. Hobson addressed Church-workers in the hall; and on Wednesday, at seven, a magic-lantern lecture, got up by the enterprise of Mr. Barnes, of Emmanuel, was enjoyed by 300 children of our own, and Emmanuel parishes. Friday brought the series to a close, when the Rev. W. G. Mallett gave a most touching address at the prayer-meeting, worthy in every respect to sum up the services of the week. We think that no one could have listened to it without resolving, by God's help, that he would do one of the four things—"Go to the heathen, Send a substitute, Send part of a substitute, and Pray for God's blessing." SIDNEY BOTT.

Kilburn: St. Augustine.—On Sunday, at 5 p.m., a meeting was held in the church: address by the Rev. J. Fairclough (Burmah). At 7 p.m. there was evening prayer, with sermon by the Bishop of New Westminster. On Wednesday morning, at 7 a.m., there was Holy Communion with address, and another at 8.30. Morning service with sermon on the Jews took place at 10.30, and at 12 noon there was Litany and Intercession. Prayers were again offered at 3.30 p.m., and an address was given by the Bishop of New Westminster, followed by evening service at 5, and at 8 another intercession, with sermon by the Rev. W. E. Glascott (Calcutta).

Lancaster Gate: Christ Church.—A small meeting was held here on Monday afternoon: three men; forty or fifty ladies. An attentive audience.

ED. LEWIS.

———— On Sunday, the 13th, sermons were preached here by the Rev. R. P. Ashe, from U-Ganda.

Paddington: All Saints'.—Sermons were preached on the 6th, and on the 8th a very interesting drawing-room meeting was held, which was addressed by Canon Scott-Moncreiff. On the 9th a general meeting was held in the schoolroom, addressed by the Rev. J. B. Whiting. On the 13th there was a sermon to children, preached by the Rev. G. L. Harding. J. MACONECHY.

———— **St. James.**—A series of addresses was delivered in this church by the Rev. Canon M'Cormick throughout the week.

A conference for professional and business men took place in the St. James's Lecture Hall at 4 p.m. on Sunday, the 6th, at which Lord Northbrook presided, being followed by Dr. R. N. Cust, Canon M'Cormick, and Messrs. A. Mills and E. Stock. It was a most successful gathering, though we regret to say the invited criticism of missionary work was not offered by any of the audience.

———— **St. John.**—The list of services at St. John's, as follows, was somewhat lengthy:—On Saturday, the 5th, at 5 p.m. (schoolroom), intercessory meeting, the Rev. Sir E. Bayley, Bt. Sunday:—11 a.m., the Rev. Sir E. Bayley, Bt.; 3 p.m., women's Bible-classes, address, Miss Oxlad; 3.30 p.m., men's Bible-classes, address, P. V. Smith, Esq.; 3.30 p.m., service for young; 7 p.m., evening prayer and sermon, the Rev. Sir E. Bayley, Bt.; 8.15 p.m., missionary address and prayer. Monday:—

12 noon (church), intercessory prayer and address, the Rev. W. E. Burroughs; 8.30 p.m. (Stafford Rooms, Titchborne Street), young men's meeting, George Williams, Esq., President Y.M.C.A., and Lieut.-Col. H. G. Macgregor. Tuesday:—12 noon (church), intercessory prayer and address, the Rev. W. E. Burroughs; 3 p.m., wives' and mothers' meeting, the Rev. F. A. C. Lillingston; 5.30 p.m. (schools), children's Band of Hope meeting, the Rev. E. G. Hodge; 8.30 p.m. (schools), women's meeting, Sir J. Coode and the Rev. F. A. C. Lillingston. Wednesday:—12 noon (church), intercessory prayer and address, the Rev. W. E. Burroughs; 3 p.m., drawing-room meeting (by invitation), the Revs. A. H. Arden and H. James; 8.30 p.m. (church), sermon by the Rev. H. James. Thursday:—12 noon (church), Holy Communion and address, the Rev. W. E. Burroughs; 2.30 p.m., workers' meeting (by invitation), Mrs. Greaves, missionary, North India; 4.30 p.m. (schools), juvenile meeting, the Rev. J. Watney; 8.30 p.m. (schools), general meeting, the Rev. H. James and E. M. Anderson, Esq. Friday:—12 noon (church), intercessory prayer and address, the Rev. W. E. Burroughs; 4.30 p.m. (church), service for domestic servants, the Rev. J. Watney; 5.30 p.m. (schools), children's working party, the Rev. J. Watney. Saturday:—3 p.m., children's drawing-room meeting (by invitation). Sunday, 13th:—2.30 p.m., school missionary address, H. R. Arbuthnot, Esq.

Paddington: St. John.—A gathering for men was held on Sunday, when eighty to ninety came to hear Mr. P. V. Smith. On Monday evening we had another men's meeting of over 100—men only—who remained for two hours to listen to heart-stirring words from the Rev. Sir Emilius Bayley, Colonel Macgregor, and the Misses Williams.
G. L. HARDING.

————— On Tuesday our twelve o'clock intercession service was attended by a much larger number of people than on Monday (when we had about 100); but on Tuesday we had over 150. Our wives and mothers came in full force in the afternoon, and in the evening we had a good gathering of young women in business and servants.
G. L. HARDING.

————— **St. Michael and All Angels.**—On Sunday sermons were preached here, and at 5.45 p.m. on Monday and Thursday meetings took place in the school. On Wednesday there was an early Communion at 8 a.m., followed by another service with address in church at 11.30 a.m., and at 8 a sermon was preached.

————— **St. Paul.**—On Sunday sermons were preached by the parochial clergy, and on Monday two addresses were delivered at mothers' meetings. On Wednesday evening there was service and sermon in church by the Rev. Canon Scott-Moncreiff.

————— **St. Peter.**—On Monday there was a very good attendance at the mothers' meeting, which listened with deep interest to Mrs. Darwin Fox, who spoke of her visit to Africa, and called on those present to realize more fully the claims of Mission work on themselves personally. In the evening, at a prayer-meeting for Missions, the Rev. W. Gray spoke with much power, and many prayers showed how deeply the meeting was stirred by an earnest desire for the fuller glory of the Lord through Mission work. I preached at the Wednesday evening service.

HENRY SEELEY.

On Thursday, our usual temperance night, we had a combination of missionary and temperance speeches. The Rev. A. H. Arden, from Cambridge, and lately a missionary in India, told us of the work in that country, and how much the Natives needed to be taught, and he was followed by the Rev. R. T. Crosse, of St. John's, Notting Hill, who delivered an admirable temperance lecture. On Thursday afternoon Miss McLean gave an address to ladies on her work in Japan. On Friday morning, at the Communion Service, the Rev. E. C. Dawson, of Edinburgh, the author of the *Life of Bishop Hannington*, spoke heart-searching words on "Lukewarmness" (Rev. iii. 15, 16). In the evening, Mr. Dawson was again eloquent to a large assemblage of Sunday-school teachers and others. The meeting was closed by a few words from the Vicar, who asked those present to consider what was to be the result of all the earnest and soul-moving addresses

to which they had listened. If emotion only was stirred, the effect would soon pass away, be lost, and leave them colder than before; but he trusted it would really lead to greater self-sacrifice for Christ's sake. The annual Church Missionary sermons were preached on Sunday, February 20th, by the Rev. H. A. Bren, who delivered an admirable sermon from 2 Cor. iv. 11, "For Jesus' sake." The sum of 19*l.* 7*s.* 7*d.* was collected during the day. On Monday evening an address by the Rev. J. M. West was delivered in the Goldney Road schoolroom.

Paddington: St. Thomas.—On the two Sundays, Wednesday, and Friday sermons were preached in this church by the Revs. Percy H. Collins, curate-in-charge; W. Gray, C.M.S. Secretary; C. H. L. Mercer; and Alfred Oates, Vicar of Christ Church, Ware. Being the nearest church to the Paddington Baths, we made a great effort to be present in force at the large public meeting held there on Friday evening, the 11th.

PERCY H. COLLINS.

———— **Holy Trinity.**—On Sunday morning, February 6th, a special sermon was preached by the Rev. Prebendary Moore from the text Isaiah xliii. 21, "This people have I formed for Myself; they shall show forth My praise."

At the drawing-room meeting on Tuesday, Archdeacon Bardsley gave a very impressive address to an overflowing audience.

P. V. S.

———— On Wednesday evening, at 8 p.m., there was a service of song in the infant school.

Westbourne Park: St. Luke.—A meeting was held in the parish-room on the Thursday evening, which was addressed by the Ven. Archdeacon Bardsley.

———— **St. Stephen.**—Sermons were preached here on Sunday, and at 3 p.m. a missionary address was delivered to the Young Men's Bible Class by Mr. R. F. Measor. The offertories throughout the day were devoted to foreign Missions. On Wednesday a Mission service was held at St. Stephen's schools, with missionary address by the Rev. R. T. Gardner. On Thursday a very full drawing-room meeting took place at 11, St. Stephen's Square. The Rev. T. B. Harvey Brooks, Vicar, presided. Most interesting and earnest addresses were given by the Rev. Llewellyn Lloyd, missionary from Foo Chow, and Mr. E. M. Anderson. Between seventy and eighty persons were present, who appeared to be much interested in the addresses. It was decided to form an association, and those who were present were asked to give in their names as members, and also to take in the *Gleaner*. Copies of the *Gleaner* and papers relating to the "Gleaners' Union" were distributed at the close of the meeting. It was a most successful gathering, and it is trusted that much good may result from it.

R. F. MEASOR.

A juvenile meeting for the children of the congregation was held in the Church House, on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 12th, at three o'clock, the Rev. T. B. Harvey Brooks (Vicar) presiding. Addresses were given by Mr. Herbert Arbuthnot and the Rev. E. Grose Hodge. It was decided to form a Juvenile Association, and several of the children gave in their names to take missionary boxes. Copies of the *Juvenile Instructor* and other papers were distributed. There were between forty and fifty children present, besides several parents. It was a most successful meeting.

R. F. MEASOR.

ST. PANCRAS DEANERY.

St. Pancras.—On Monday a general meeting was held in the schoolroom, presided over by the Very Rev. the Dean of Gloucester. Speakers: the Rev. Canon Gibbon and Sydney Gedge, Esq., M.P. The annual sermons were preached on the 13th, in the morning by the Dean of Gloucester, and in the evening by the Rev. W. H. Barlow, B.D., Vicar of Islington. Sermons were delivered at **Fitzroy Square, St. Saviour's**, on Sunday, the 6th, morning and evening by the Vicar; in the afternoon by the Rev. S. W. Darwin Fox; and on Wednesday evening by the Rev. L. Nicholson, late Missionary in West Africa. At **Agar Town, St. Thomas**, there was a meeting on Friday, the 11th: speaker, J. H. Rhodes, Esq.

UXBRIDGE DEANERY.

In the Uxbridge Deanery sermons were preached at **Harefield** on the Sunday, and on Monday a special service was held, when the Rev. W. R. Blackett, late C.M.S. missionary in Calcutta, was the preacher.

DEANERY OF ST. MARGARET AND ST. JOHN, WESTMINSTER.

Westminster.—The F.S.M. movement in this district was heralded by the distribution of no less than 15,000 pamphlets. The meetings opened with a sermon at the Abbey on the Sunday morning by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Cork. In the afternoon the Ven. Archdeacon Farrar preached, and on Monday an address was delivered by Archdeacon Perowne. The Bishop of Exeter preached on the following Friday. On the Tuesday a great meeting was held at the Town Hall, Caxton Street, Westminster, presided over by the Dean of Westminster. The speakers were the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Salisbury, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Northbrook, the Rev. Professor Westcott, D.D., the Rev. Canon Elwyn, D.D., the Rev. Sir J. E. Phillips, Bart., Hensley Hensman, Esq., M.A., and Eugene Stock, Esq. The parochial services and meetings were as follows:—St. Margaret's Church (Archdeacon Farrar, Rector), sermons by the Rev. Professor Bonney and the Bishop of Cork. St. John's (the Rev. Canon Furse, Vicar): the Ven. Archdeacon of Lahore and the Rev. H. Rowley. All Saints', Knightsbridge: the Revs. Ravenscroft Stewart (Vicar), and J. M. Cunyninghame. Christ Church: the Revs. F. K. Aglionby (Vicar), E. J. Fessenden, and Dr. Pope. St. Andrew's: the Rev. A. Gerald Bowman (Vicar). Holy Trinity: the Revs. G. Miller (Vicar), and H. B. Coward. Holy Trinity, Knightsbridge. St. James the Less: the Revs. G. D. W. Dickson (Vicar), T. Jervis Edwards, and J. Maskell. St. Mary's, the Rev. A. Warner (Vicar). St. Matthew's: the Revs. W. B. Trevelyan (Vicar), and L. P. Lochel. St. Stephen's: the Revs. W. M. Sinclair (Vicar), H. Rowley, S. W. Darwin Fox, and W. H. G. Twining.

The following preparatory leaflet was issued:—

"In the following pages will be found notices of the various Sermons and Addresses which will be delivered in the Churches, Town Hall, and the School-rooms of Westminster during the week of 'FEBRUARY SIMULTANEOUS MEETINGS,' which will begin on Sunday, February 6th.

"These meetings were originally suggested by the Church Missionary Society, but the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel is equally interested in them, and will cordially co-operate to promote their success.

"Last year they were held throughout the country, but not in London. It was found that they were productive of so much blessing, and led to so much deeper and more intelligent an interest in Mission work, that it was determined this year to extend them to the Metropolis.

"There is much reason to fear that the part taken by Westminster in the promotion of the great work of Evangelizing the world is not commensurate with its importance as a city, and not comparable to the part taken by other great parochial centres. Yet no one can read the New Testament without seeing the prominence given to the duty of preaching to the heathen; nor can there be any shadow of a doubt as to the urgency and clearness of our Lord's express command.

"The success of the F.S.M. must depend entirely on the zeal and energy of the Christian Clergy and Laity. We most earnestly recommend the cause to your notice, and beg alike for your assistance and your prayers.

"F. W. FARRAR."

A correspondent, writing of Archdeacon Farrar's sermon in the Abbey, describes it as a historical review of Mission work in the Church from Apostolic days to the present time. This was given in the most forcible and brilliant language, closing with an earnest appeal for continued and sustained effort. The vast audience, many of whom were standing all the time, listened intently for three-quarters of an hour. The Archdeacon remarked that Christian Missions had founded America, had conquered and held India for us. The Gospel of Christ, he said, was the true federation of the world; and he implored the nation that took the drink curse into every other with whom it came in contact, to send also the antidote for it. He

proved by figures that the wealth of England was enormously and rapidly increasing, and asked why God had poured this *river of gold* into our land if it were only to enrich the coffers of beer brewers and gin distillers, and not to clear the way for the angel with the everlasting Gospel in his hand.

Westminster.—Tuesday night's meeting was a brilliant success. Far more than we anticipated for the city of Westminster. The Town Hall was crammed. Fully a thousand people present, also a good overflow meeting and many turned away. Never saw such enthusiasm in Westminster before. The audience were riveted to the last moment. The blessing was pronounced at three minutes past eleven p.m., by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury. The Dean of Westminster read of the other meetings to the audience. Many thanks for your help and prayers; I hope a fire has been lighted in Westminster which may never go out.

W. H. G. TWINING.

Valuable sermon from the Bishop of Exeter on "The Patience of Christ," at the Westminster Abbey afternoon service on Friday.

H. M.

EAST AND WEST CITY DEANERIES.

The central services for the City Deaneries were held in the churches of St. Mary-le-Bow and St. Michael, Cornhill.

St. Mary-le-Bow.—A good number and increased congregation were present at the services which were held at this church throughout the week, from the 7th to the 11th, at 1 p.m., at which the Right Rev. Bishop Moule, of Mid-China, was announced to give addresses, but being unable to be present the first three days, his place was filled by the Rev. Ll. Lloyd, C.M.S. missionary from Fuh-Chow; the Bishop occupying the pulpit the last two days, Thursday and Friday. The services were well attended, and the interest apparently deepened from day to day.

St. Michael, Cornhill.—We had the church well filled on Monday, and even better filled on Tuesday; so much so that the pews would not hold all the congregation, and many had to find places on the benches. Mr. Ashe was in good force to-day and well heard, and evidently is greatly interesting the people. The only drawback to my satisfaction is that I do not see very many city men in the congregation; there are a few, but only a few. Those present are chiefly the Society's friends and supporters come from a distance, with a large sprinkling of clergymen; so that what we may look for in the way of result is the deepening of interest in the Missionary cause rather than exciting it where it does not already exist. Perhaps, however, the claims of business happen to be strong just now. I find from experience that even so small a matter as a Stock-Exchange "settling-day" will materially thin my usual mid-day services. If this is so, I may be able to report a large attendance at future services of the special class whom we desire to get hold of.

W. HUNT.

———— I rejoice to be able to send you encouraging reports of three services we have had here. Mr. Ashe's narrative has been of thrilling interest, and both on Wednesday and Thursday he had a crowded congregation, Thursday's number exceeding all. On Wednesday night the Bishop of Bedford gave us a most spiritual and edifying sermon. The numbers present were not up to the morning mark; but there were many more than we could expect at an hour when city men had gone home, and when suburban folk had services and meetings at their own churches, &c. Our services in connection with the F.S.M. were brought to a close on Friday morning. I rejoice to say the interest has been sustained to the last. We again had a crowded church; and merely to have listened to the hearty singing of the hymns would have convinced any one that the Lord was amongst us. The whole souls of the people seemed to go forth in them. The breathless attention then given to the speaker from first to last pointed to the same conclusion. The average of the morning congregation has been 450; the attendance on Wednesday evening numbered 150. For my own part, I feel refreshed and deeply thankful, and could only have wished for one other encouragement, viz. to see a larger element of City men.

W. HUNT.

St. Michael, Cornhill.—Good drawing-room meeting of clergy and their families, City of London, and a few from Shoreditch and St. Sepulchre's Deaneries. A full church at mid-day, Wednesday, many having to stand. In the evening 130, at least, present. J. W. PRATT.

St. Andrew Undershaft.—Over 100 present at the evening service. The Bishop of Rupert's Land preached very interesting sermon: Rom. x. 15. J. W. P.

St. Bartholemew the Less.—On Sunday, February 6th, a sermon was preached in the morning by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Ostle; and on February 11th, Friday, at 12.30 p.m., the Right Rev. Bishop Moule, of Mid-China, delivered an address to medical students.

St. Botolph, Aldgate.—Good children's service on Sunday afternoon; address by Bishop of Bedford. J. W. P.

St. Bride's, Fleet Street.—On January 30th there was a children's service, when the Rev. T. Turner, Vicar of St. Saviour's, Fitzroy Square, addressed the children on missionary work in connection with the F.S.M. Daily services during the week, from the 7th to the 11th, were held in this church. The Rev. James Johnson, Native clergyman from Lagos, was announced to preach, but being prevented by ill-health, his place was taken on the Monday by the Rev. A. H. Arden, formerly C.M.S. Missionary, Telugu Mission, and on the remaining days the pulpit was occupied by the Rev. J. A. Faithfull, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Scarborough, who delivered earnest and interesting addresses. These services were fairly attended.

St. Dunstan in the West.—Fair attendance at the gathering on Monday. Good feeling. More men than usual at meetings. The Master was present.

L. N.

St. Katherine Cree, Leadenhall Street.—A sermon on the subject of the week was preached on Sunday evening, by the lecturer, J. SHARP.

St. Mary Aldermary.—A children's service was held in this church on Sunday afternoon. The church was filled in every part with children from some of the City Sunday-schools. There must have been altogether four hundred present. The service was heartily entered into. A sermon from the words, "Come over and help," was preached by the Rector, and a collection was made at the close for the C.M.S. Sermons on the subject of the meetings were also preached morning and evening. L. B. WHITE.

———— On Monday the claims of the heathen and Mohammedan world were brought before business men at the usual lecture by the Rev. J. F. Osborne, Vicar of St. Peter's, Highgate Hill, the lecturer for the day. Over fifty men listened with evident interest and attention.

St. Stephen, Coleman Street.—At a prayer-meeting there were seventy present, and representatives of nine city parishes; also four of the city clergy. The lists of sermons on February 6th in the City was as follows:—Two, St. Stephen, Coleman Street; two, St. Andrew Undershaft; three, St. Botolph, Aldgate; three, St. Mary Aldermary; two, St. Botolph, Aldersgate; two, St. Michael, Cornhill; two, St. Peter, Cornhill. J. W. PRATT.

Holy Trinity, Gough Square.—No efforts had been spared to make the Sunday a thoroughly missionary day. The Vicar, the Rev. W. C. Heaton, and the Rev. J. W. Pratt were the preachers.

HACKNEY DEANERY.

Hackney.—Special sermons were preached on Sunday, the 6th, at the Parish Church, the Rev. Arthur Brook, Rector and Rural Dean, entering heartily into the movement. Bishop Bromby preached in the morning to a full congregation. Different meetings of interest were held in the weekdays—the boys of the Grammar School were addressed by the Principal, the Rev. A. C. Vidler; and an address to children was given in the Parish Schoolroom, Rectory Garden, on Friday; both on Missionary subjects. There was also a weekday service in the church, with sermon by the Rev. W. H. Langhorne, Vicar of St. Luke's. One of

the large aggregate meetings was also held in this parish on Thursday, which was numerously attended; the chair being taken by the Rector, and earnest addresses given by Bishop Bromby, the Rev. J. G. Pilkington, the Rev. Dimond-Churchward, and Colonel S. H. Clarke, of Wimbledon; these last attending as a deputation from the Church Missionary Society.

HENRY MARTYN BAKER.

Hackney: Christ Church, Victoria Park Road.—The Rev. Dr. Egan had most days of the week engaged; the Rev. J. B. Heard (Vicar of Caterham, and formerly Association Secretary, C.M.S.) preached one of the Sunday sermons. The Holy Communion was administered at the morning weekday service, which was followed by an evening church service, the sermon being preached by Mr. Crozier. The work of Missions occupies a prominent place in the ministrations of this church, and the usual prayer or devotional meeting was held in the week.

HENRY MARTYN BAKER.

St. Luke.—Two sermons were preached here on Sunday, February 6th. About 800 people were present in the morning. An eloquent sermon was delivered by the Rev. W. H. Langhorne (vicar), who gave most interesting details of the work of the C.M.S. Mr. Grubb preached in the evening. In the afternoon of the same day an address was given to about 500 children, when the usual Sunday afternoon collection was made. The following Wednesday sermon in church, and the Friday evening prayer-meeting were well attended.

St. Mark.—A meeting was held at the schoolroom of St. Bartholomew's, Dalston (Chapel of Ease to St. Mark's), on Wednesday evening. The Rev. J. G. Pilkington (Vicar of St. Mark's) presided. The speakers were P. V. Smith, Esq., and the Bishop of Cork. The speeches were stirring, and attentively listened to by an audience of from 350 to 400.

H. E. S.

———— Much interest in the movement was shown by the Rev. J. G. Pilkington, Vicar. Besides sermons in the church on the subject to very numerous congregations, the beautiful Chapel-of-Ease connected with it (St. Bartholomew's) had special sermons preached therein by the Vicar, and the Rev. J. B. Heard, Rector of Woldingham. During the week meetings were held, one being an aggregate meeting for clergy and laity at the large Lecture Hall connected with St. Bartholomew's Church, where striking addresses were given by the Bishop of Cork, and P. V. Smith, Esq., Barrister-at-Law. It was most encouraging to notice the great attention and unflagging interest which marked this meeting, and out of which no little practical result may be hoped for. Two missionaries, now labouring abroad, have been the outcome of interest excited in Missions among the congregation of St. Mark's; and another is now in training, and hoping soon to be sent out to labour in the Mission-field.

HENRY MARTYN BAKER.

St. Philip.—Intercessions for Missions were made daily during the week.

HENRY MARTYN BAKER.

Ram's Episcopal Chapel.—The Rev. William Baker was busy here. Three sermons were preached in the Chapel on the Sunday; the meetings and services included addresses to the Band of Hope and young people. A missionary workers' service, sermons by the Rev. J. B. Crozier, Rector of Holywood, Co. Down, addresses in the schoolroom, and a devotional meeting for prayer, concluded the week; the Rev. L. Nicholson, formerly missionary at Sierra Leone, giving a most earnest appeal.

HENRY MARTYN BAKER.

———— “Band of Hope” and other young people addressed here on Monday evening by the Rev. H. C. Packard and G. Daw, Esq.

W. BAKER.

Refuge Chapel.—In this reformatory for female prisoners, two sermons were preached by the Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Roberts, and the girls were interested in the subject. A supply of C.M.S. readings had been previously distributed amongst them, and prepared their minds for the addresses given.

HENRY MARTYN BAKER.

West Hackney.—At the Parish Church sermons were preached and meetings held during the week, the Rector, the Rev. C. J. Robinson, taking an active part.

HENRY MARTYN BAKER.

Stoke Newington: Parish Church.—The Rev. L. E. Shelford, Rector, preached special sermons both in the old and new church, which stand side by side. A large and influential aggregate meeting was also held during the week in the Public Assembly Rooms, capable of accommodating 1800 people; the room was well filled, and great interest was shown, the speeches being illustrated by a large missionary map of the world. The Rev. H. Brass, of St. Matthew's, Redhill, and Mr. P. V. Smith gave very stirring and interesting addresses full of facts and appealing to missionary obligations.

HENRY MARTYN BAKER.

— On Tuesday evening the Rev. L. E. Shelford, Rector, took the chair. There was a good attendance, addressed by P. Vernon Smith, Esq. The Rev. Henry Brass gave a brief sketch of missionary effort from our Lord's time, and then, by the help of a large diagram, showed how much remained to be done. An S.P.G. Missionary from North India gave a few telling facts as to the state of the heathen and the benefit of Missions, and the Rev. C. J. Robinson, Rector of West Hackney, concluded the meeting.

ISLINGTON DEANERY.

Islington (including Holloway, Highbury, Mildmay, &c.) was admirably worked. Its forty-two churches were divided into three groups. A committee in each group arranged the united meetings and services. The three chief aggregate meetings were all held on one evening at Myddelton Hall, Holloway Hall, and Mildmay Conference Hall. Special choirs were formed for these meetings, and singing was a prominent feature. All three were a great success. At Myddelton Hall the doors had to be closed as the meeting began, and hundreds were turned away. An overflow meeting would have been held, but it was impossible for the managers to leave the room to arrange for one.

GENERAL MEETINGS.

The meeting on Tuesday evening at the Myddelton Hall, Islington, was presided over by the Lord Bishop of Cork. Among the gentlemen on the platform were—Sir Albert Rollit, M.P., Revs. W. H. Barlow (Vicar), E. A. Stuart, T. W. Drury, Dr. Dyson, W. E. Haigh, C. Ough, R. Hoare, Edward Brewer, J. Lewis, J. Henry, F. H. Waller, A. J. Bridgman, E. Herbert Taylor, R. Roe, Mr. Joseph Elmer, Dr. Cribb, and Mr. G. Martin Tait.

This was the most remarkable religious gathering I have ever seen in Islington. We were packed full; the doors had to be closed just as we began, and hundreds were turned away. I could not get out of the room, so that it was impossible to arrange for an overflow meeting. The speaking was very remarkable. At the C.M. College they were obliged to have an overflow meeting at 3.30. Our drawing-room meeting was one of the deepest interest and power. Wishing, and hoping, and praying, and expecting the greatest blessing to our dear Lord's cause among the heathen, and to the C.M.S. as His honoured agent,

G. MARTIN TAIT.

During the evening it was remarked that 2500*l.* was raised last year in Islington on behalf of the Church Missionary Society, 850*l.* of that sum being subscribed by little children.

On Thursday, February 10th, a general meeting was held at the Church Missionary College Hall at 3.30 p.m. Speakers: Major Owen Hay, R.A.; Mrs. Bardsley, Zenana Society; and Rev. W. H. Barlow, B.D., Vicar of Islington. Rev. T. W. Drury, M.A., in the chair.

The meeting at Holloway Hall, under the presidency of the Bishop of Bedford, was well attended and enthusiastic. Among the local clergymen present were: Canon Hurst, the Revs. Chambers, Dearden, Glover, Holland, Lewis, Mayford, Osborne, Washington, &c.

Splendid meeting in Holloway Hall to-night (8th). Fully 900 present. All seemed deeply interested; best meeting for many years. Colonel Stewart most interesting; Mr. Lombe eloquent and forcible.

J. F. OSBORNE.

Islington.—A grand meeting took place at the Mildmay Hall on Tuesday evening; about 1800 persons were present: many young men. The Bishop of London presided, supported by Sydney Gedge, Esq., M.P., Rev. Gordon Calthrop, and D. Marshall Lang, Esq. The best missionary gathering held here for years. Praise God! As regards tone, a spiritual fervour was marked throughout the whole; personal consecration of them all to God, that God might do with the individual what He wished, was the note, and nothing could have been better. G. D. WYATT.

There were daily prayer-meetings and addresses at St. John's College, Highbury.

Address to the students here on Tuesday morning. A most delightful and happy meeting. ALFRED OATES.

PAROCHIAL.

Islington: St. Mary's.—On Friday, the 11th, a public meeting took place at 8 p.m., at the Memorial Hall, Church Street, the Rev. W. H. Barlow, B.D., Vicar, in the chair. Speakers: the Rev. E. L. Roxby, M.A., and C. F. Dowsett, Esq.

Special sermons were preached in this church on Sunday, the 6th, by the Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Barlow, B.D., and the Rev. E. Lombe, M.A.

On Wednesday, the 9th, a drawing-room meeting took place at the Vicarage. Speakers: the Vicar, the Rev. E. L. Roxby, and Captain Dawson.

On Thursday evening, at eight o'clock, a conference meeting was held in this parish, presided over by the Rev. T. Y. Darling.

Ball's Pond: St. Paul's.—On Saturday an address was delivered at the Youths' Institute here, and on Monday a meeting of the Young Men's Society took place. On the 9th, Wednesday, a juvenile meeting was held. On Thursday the Rev. T. W. Drury preached at a service in the church.

Barnsbury: St. Andrew.—On Thursday I gave a Christian Vernacular Education Society's lantern lecture. Mr. Bridgman, the Vicar, purposely brought it into the F.S.M. scheme. HENRY SEELEY.

——— **St. Thomas.**—We print the programme here as an example of work done in a poor parish:—

ST. THOMAS'S, BARNSBURY.

Vicar: The Rev. E. BREWER.

Saturday, 5th. 8.15 p.m. Meeting for Young Men in connection with the St. Thomas's Young Men's Association. Rev. E. Brewer (chair), Mr. G. A. King, of Croydon; Mr. W. A. Walker.

Sunday, 6th. 11 a.m. Morning Service. Rev. E. Brewer, B.A.

11 a.m. Children's Service in Schoolroom. Mr. A. Turner.

3 p.m. Addresses to Sunday-school Scholars in the Schoolrooms. Rev. A. R. Steggall, M.A., Mr. E. Erwood.

4.15 p.m. Teachers' Devotional Meeting. Mr. C. E. Cæsar.

6.30 p.m. Evening Service in St. Thomas's Church. Rev. E. Brewer.

8.45 p.m. Mission Service in Church. Rev. A. R. Steggall.

Monday. 4 p.m. Service for Children in Church. Rev. E. A. Stuart, M.A.

7.15 p.m. Address to Mothers. Rev. E. Brewer.

8 p.m. Public Meeting in Schoolrooms. Rev. E. Brewer (chair), Rev. E. L. Roxby, M.A., of Brighton; G. Skey, Esq.

Tuesday. (General Meeting in Myddelton Hall.)

Wednesday. 4 p.m. Children's Service in Church. Rev. H. C. Sturdy, M.A.

8 p.m. Special Evening Service in Church. Rev. H. C. Sturdy.

Thursday. 3 p.m. Bible Reading in Church. Rev. H. C. Sturdy.

7 p.m. United Meeting of the Band of Hope and Children's Scripture Union. Rev. A. R. Steggall.

8 p.m. Special Meeting of Young People's Society. Rev. H. C. Sturdy.

9 p.m. Addresses to Sunday-school Teachers. Rev. E. Brewer (chair), Rev. H. C. Sturdy, Mr. L. Scobie.

Friday. 4 p.m. Children's Service in Church. Rev. H. C. Sturdy.

8 p.m. Special Devotional Meeting for Prayer and Praise. Rev. E. Brewer (chair), Rev. H. C. Sturdy, Mr. C. E. Cæsar.

Saturday. 7.30 p.m. Meeting for Young Women. Rev. E. Brewer (chair), Mrs. Piper, late of Japan; Miss H. M. Russell.

Barnsbury : St. Thomas.—The Vicar, the Rev. E. Brewer, took up the movement with great spirit. A band of workers was organized to carry out the arrangements, and to well circulate the F.S.M. literature and list of meetings. A double visitation of the parish was made, a pamphlet and a list being left on each occasion. Nineteen services and meetings were held. The plan adopted was to have special meetings of every organization in the parish, to bring before each the great subject of Foreign Missions. In these were included meetings for young men, young women, Sunday-schools, day-schools, Band of Hope, Children's Scripture Union, Young People's Society, Sunday-school teachers, mothers, &c. In addition, services were held in the church on Sunday, also on the following Wednesday, and a Bible-reading on Thursday afternoon, finishing with a devotional meeting for prayer and praise on Friday, the 11th. Seventeen speakers took part in these various gatherings; amongst the clergy being the Revs. E. Brewer, H. C. Sturdy (of Dorking), E. A. Stuart, and A. R. Steggall; and laity, Mrs. Piper (late of Japan), Miss Russell, Mr. G. A. King (L.W.U.), Mr. Phillips (a native of the Telugu Country), Mr. L. Seobie, Mr. C. E. Cæsar, &c. When the list was put in print, many had misgivings as to the successful carrying through of such a number of meetings; but in the result it proved that not a single one was unsuccessful, either in the number present or in the sympathy and interest evinced. Those which had been arranged in considerable doubt turned out to be most blessed. [On Monday evening a meeting was held in the St. Thomas's Schoolrooms, Barnsbury, the Rev. E. Brewer (Vicar) presiding. The Rev. E. L. Roxby, of St. Margaret's, Brighton, in referring to the special object of the simultaneous meetings, said that the Church of Christ should have a deeper sense of its responsibilities as to Missions. His own congregation subscribed some 1100*l.* per annum for foreign Missions, and what he wanted to do was to stir up his own and others to effort—(1) by realizing that the evangelization of the world was put into their hands as co-workers with God; (2) that each individual member of the Church had to ask, "How best can I do my part as trustee for the dissemination of the Gospel message?"] So large a week-day meeting of Sunday-school teachers had not been known for years, except on festival occasions. The youths, who had not hitherto been the most noted for their attendance at missionary meetings, appeared in considerable force at their own gathering, and came to many of the others as well. Very noticeable was the presence on week-days of many whom it is difficult to draw to any kind of gathering at ordinary times. Throughout the whole mission the presence of God was clearly manifest. All who took part in it felt that it was a blessed time, and at the conclusion those who had had the principal responsibility in the arrangement felt that they could not be sufficiently thankful for what the Master had wrought. The question under consideration now is, What is to be the outcome of the F.S.M. in this parish?

Canonbury : St. Stephen.—Mrs. Kember gave an interesting address to women at our weekly mothers' meeting on Monday, 7th instant, when upwards of sixty were present. Mr. Le Feuvre, from the College, Islington, spoke to a crowded gathering of children at our ordinary juvenile temperance meeting yesterday evening. On Friday our schoolroom was well filled for the general meeting of this week. Deeply interesting addresses were delivered by the Rev. E. D. Stead, Mr. D. Marshall Lang, and Mr. Skey (in place of the Rev. G. Calthrop, indisposed). Manifest presence of the Holy Spirit. Feel deeply thankful. Meeting closed with the singing of the Consecration Hymn (which had been previously selected in the morning), in full harmony with the key-note of Mr. Skey's remarks as to the great necessity in the matter of Missions—consecration to God. F. H. NICHOLLS.

Thanks be unto God for His great mercies. Truly, the prayers offered for His blessing on our closing meeting at St. Stephen's schoolroom, Canonbury, have been abundantly answered. We had a most delightful meeting, crowded to the very doors; and we all realized the presence of the Holy Spirit, giving each speaker a solemn message from God to the hearts of the people, and to the latter a deep solemnity and earnest attention to the words spoken. We each spoke for about half an hour (Mr. M. Lang, Mr. George Skey, and myself), and closed at 10 p.m. May much real blessing result! Friday evening in the schoolroom

will not soon be forgotten. The room was quite full, and the presence of the Lord seemed to be realized by all. The singing was hearty, the prayers most earnest, and the speakers, one and all, seemed to be filled with the one thought, "I have a message from God unto thee." It was truly a time of refreshing. I pray that the seed sown that night will bear much fruit for the Master's glory.

E. D. STEAD.

Cloudesley Square : Holy Trinity.—The Rev. W. E. Haigh (Vicar) preached in the morning and evening. A prayer-meeting with short addresses was held at the close of the Sunday services. Special addresses were delivered at the various Sunday-schools in connection with this large parish. On Monday a number of mothers addressed by Mr. E. Anderson in the afternoon, and a public meeting was held in the evening. Most interesting addresses were delivered by Miss Buller on work in the Zenanas, by Miss Petrie, and by the Rev. G. B. Durrant. A special service of intercession was conducted by the Rev. W. E. Haigh on Wednesday. An address was delivered by the Rev. Gordon Calthrop.

W. E. HAIGH.

Highbury : St. Augustine.—At the meeting on Monday night in the Church Room, the Rev. Gordon Calthrop (Vicar) in the chair, there were about 200 present. Earnest, solemn, and effective addresses were delivered by the Revs. E. D. Stead, W. J. Chapman (Christ Church, Highbury), and by W. Edwyn Shipton, Esq.; the concluding prayer being offered by the Rev. D. B. Hankin.

GORDON CALTHROP.

I began my work here on Monday evening, in the Church Room. A deep feeling of solemnity pervaded the meeting, and the addresses were very earnest, and seemed to come home to the people. On Wednesday evening, a congregation of about 200 listened with the deepest attention and apparent interest to a sermon on 2 Kings vii. 9, "This is a day of good tidings." May the Holy Spirit bless the Word to many hearts, and cause it to bring forth much fruit for the Master's glory! It has been a happy week of prayer and effort in the grand cause of Christian Missions.

EDWARD D. STEAD.

———— **Christ Church.**—A meeting was held on Thursday evening, in our church-room, which was well filled. I presided. The audience were reminded of the importance of prayer in the work, and also that we should not faint, seeing that Livingstone tramped through Africa without seeing one Mission established as fruit of his work. The Rev. E. C. Dawson spoke with great eloquence and fervour. George Skey, Esq., gave the next address, followed by prayer by the Rev. G. D. Wyatt.

W. J. CHAPMAN.

———— **St. John.**—Two immediate results are these. Our annual collection was considerably better than last year. A young man came to me and inquired if he could be a missionary: I am going to have a further interview with him.

In the poorest district of this division the schoolroom was crowded with poor people.

G. D. WYATT (Hon. Sec. of the E.D. of the Islington C.M.S.).

Holloway : St. Barnabas.—The F.S.M. movement was fully recognized here with much blessing and happiness. It began with a prayer-meeting on Friday evening the 4th, when a solemn and instructive address was given by the Rev. J. Henry, at one time a C.M.S. missionary to Central Africa, until he was compelled to yield after forty-two attacks of fever. Then on Sunday, the 6th, there were three sermons, without collection; in the morning by the Vicar, in the afternoon by the Rev. T. George, and in the evening by the veteran member of Committee, the Rev. J. B. Whiting. On Monday there was a good meeting in the schools, addressed by Mr. Dashwood. On Tuesday the Barnabites swelled the grand gathering at Holloway Hall, which, under the presidency of the Bishop of Bedford, listened to thrilling accounts of missionary work in all parts of the world. On Wednesday afternoon there was a large meeting of ladies in the Church Room, followed by a sermon by the Rev. D. B. Hankin, and then the young men's Bible-class was interested in Mission work, until they complained at 10 p.m. of being dismissed without more missionary talk. On Thursday evening the children assembled in great numbers, and, under the presidency of Mr. Askwith,

were spoken to by Mr. Hore. The whole week ended by the largest collection ever made in the church, without sermons, and the Vicar stepped proudly to the bank on Monday, February 14th, with his valentine for the Society of 125*l.* 4*s.* 9*d.*
F. A. C. L.

Holloway: Emmanuel.—Considerable interest was shown in this parish. On February 6th, special sermons were preached morning, afternoon, and evening; and on the 8th a missionary meeting was held in the afternoon, which was addressed by the Rev. A. C. Downer, who also preached at the church on the evening of the next day. On the 10th a drawing-room meeting was held, which proved deeply interesting.

——— **St. James.**—On Sunday, February 6th, two eloquent sermons were preached by the Vicar. On Monday a large and appreciative audience in the Lecture Hall listened to an original Service of Song, entitled “Fuh-Kien,” descriptive of the missionary work in that province of China. The story was written and several of the anthems and hymn-tunes were composed by Mr. L. Carrott, organist of St. James’. On Tuesday, by general consent, each church arranged to forego all local meetings, and support the aggregate ones announced for various centres. Members of St. James’, therefore, attended the crowded gathering in the Myddelton Hall. On Wednesday, the Rev. E. L. Roxby preached; and on Thursday the Lecture Hall was filled with an intensely interested audience, who were addressed by the Rev. E. L. Roxby and Major Owen Hay; Rev. E. A. Stuart presiding.

The children were not forgotten, and it was sought to interest them as well as others in Foreign Missions by dissolving view lectures. Mr. Ketchlee, a member of the C.M.S. Lay Workers’ Union, kindly lent and worked his own lantern on almost every evening of the week, the Vicar upon each occasion explaining the slides exhibited. The lectures were as follows: on Monday evening for adults (those employed in the business), at Mr. Roberts’s establishment, Upper Street; and on Tuesday, at Mr. Rackstraw’s; on Wednesday, in the Lecture Hall, to members of the Band of Hope; on Thursday, to the day and Sunday schools; and on Friday to members of the Saturday Bible-class, and all young people not included in the before-mentioned divisions. On the Sunday following (February 13th), special sermons were again preached at St. James’, in the morning by the Rev. F. H. Waller, and in the evening by the Rev. E. A. Stuart. At the close of the evening service a prayer-meeting was held in the church, to which about a thousand persons remained.

On Tuesday, the 15th, a missionary *conversazione* took place at St. James’ Lecture Hall. A report in the *Islington Gazette* says that “the kitchen, the entrance lobby, and other portions of the hall were, by the use of curtains, &c., converted into separate rooms, each representing different countries in the mission-field. A large stand, with a canopy overhead, was erected for India in the centre of the hall. The entrance lobby was devoted to China; the gallery on either side of the organ represented New Zealand and Africa respectively. A room was improvised for North-West America, opposite to which stood the South American Missionary exhibit; and lastly, though most imposing of all, was the kitchen with the front entirely open, and the interior elaborately decorated to represent Japan. The last-named compartment, as also the platform, was, by the kindness of Mr. M. H. Rackstraw, entirely decorated by his assistants, and, under his personal supervision; no pains being spared to make the room as characteristic as possible of the country to which it was allotted. The rest of the hall was elaborated entirely by means of curtains and other hangings lent by friends, and was altogether a very creditable piece of amateur decoration. Addresses were given at intervals during the evening by the Rev. Ll. Lloyd (of Fuh-Kien, China), Rev. R. P. Ashe (of U-Ganda), Rev. B. La Trobe (Moravian Missions), Rev. A. W. Cribb (Foo-Chow), Mr. H. Mahoney (South American Missionary Society), Rev. J. C. Price (Mpwapwa), Rev. T. W. Drury, M.A., the Vicar, and Mr. Smith, of St. Barnabas’, Holloway, who also exhibited a number of sketches of Indian life, and dressed in costumes of the various countries in which he had travelled, explaining each in turn. From 4 p.m., when the doors were opened, until the close the attendance

grew denser. During the latter part of the evening, the hall was inconveniently full. A refreshment stall was provided, and this was managed by several ladies from among the missionary helpers of St. James'. It may be mentioned that while everything on the stall was first-class, a uniform charge of one penny was made for each article, as well as for cups of tea and coffee. The appreciation of this course was proved by the fact that more than one thousand pence were taken. A stall for the display and sale of missionary publications was erected, and several pounds' worth of books and pamphlets were purchased. The visitors were almost exclusively members of St. James' congregation, except several neighbouring ministers, and came at the invitation of the 'Mpwapwas,'—otherwise, a society of young men of St. James', working for the missionary cause,—of which the Rev. E. A. Stuart is the president, and by whom the *conversazione* was organized and managed."

Now that the actual F.S.M. movement itself is ended, it is to be hoped that the results have only just begun to appear. Two things may be mentioned as being newly arranged at St. James' Church. Firstly, it is proposed by the Vicar, that at the Saturday Evening Prayer Meeting each week, one prayer shall be offered which shall specially bring before the throne of grace Foreign Missionary work, more particularly that portion of the mission-field named for the day in the C.M.S. cycle of prayer. Secondly, it is proposed to form a local branch of the "Gleaners' Union;" monthly meetings to be held, at each of which the Vicar hopes to take up the subject of one particular missionary land, giving an account of the work there and a sketch of its history. Mr. Archer Smith has kindly undertaken to act as hon. secretary.

A letter has been issued by the Vicar suggesting a number of different methods of helping the missionary cause, and inviting replies from those willing to assist.

DAVID M. BROWN.

Holloway: St. John.—Large congregations on Sunday; all speak thankfully. The evening service was marked by the presence of men. High tone preserved. Being anxious to interest men and youths in the missionary work, a meeting was arranged, for men and youths only, in the new gymnasium, on the Friday of the F.S.M. week. Some of the neighbouring clergy sympathized with the idea, and the result was the attendance of more than 200, a large proportion being working men. Addresses were given by the Rev. S. L. Dixon, Rev. F. A. C. Lillingston, A. Dashwood, Esq., and the Vicar. The enthusiasm grew with each speaker. A tone of manly earnestness pervaded the meeting which will never be forgotten.

H. W. DEARDEN.

———— **St. Luke.**—On Sunday, February 6th, at 11 a.m., a special morning sermon was preached by the Vicar, and at 3.30 p.m., an address to children was delivered by the Rev. E. Brewer, B.A., Vicar of St. Thomas's. At 7 p.m. the Rev. F. L. Meares, M.A., preached, and an address by Donald McKenzie, Esq., was given at the Parochial Hall.

—————A drawing-room meeting was held at the Vicarage on Wednesday afternoon. At the tea which followed, the Rev. T. Y. Darling gave the ladies some songs in the Telugu and Tamil languages. The immediate results of this interesting drawing-room meeting were the formation of a Zenana working party, and promises of annual subscriptions.

R. GLOVER.

On Friday, the 11th, at seven, there was a special meeting of the Juvenile Association (St. Luke's Branch) at the Parochial Hall: the Vicar in the chair. Address by the Rev. T. Kember, South India.

Islington: St. Bartholomew.—On Monday night there was a good meeting at the schools here, with hearty and attentive audience.

T. W. D.

———— **St. John's, Copenhagen Street.**—On Sunday sermons were preached by the parochial clergy. There were meetings in connection with this parish held throughout the week.

———— **St. Matthew.**—Very good meeting here on Monday; good attendance and good feeling. Mr. U. Davies will have to tell you a pleasing incident.

W. LAYCOCK.

Mr. Davies writes:—"On Monday I received the enclosed paper,* and the 'mite' mentioned was a 5*l.* note! We have had a crowded meeting in the schoolroom, addressed by Mr. Laycock, of Macclesfield, who spoke with power, and all were interested and impressed. More orders for the *Gleaner* were taken in the room, and I have given out extra boxes the last few days. Our churches were full yesterday, and God manifestly with us."

Islington: St. Peter's.—On the 9th, at 7.30, a service was held in this church, the Rev. A. C. Downer being the preacher.

Tollington Park: St. Mark.—A good representative meeting was held in connection with the half-yearly box-opening. The boxes were found to contain more money than last year: over 24*l.* An excellent address was given by Mr. Darling. There are signs of life and zeal among friends of the missionary cause.

J. HURST.

———— The Monday's meetings in the church-room, and the drawing-room meetings were encouraging.

Tufnell Park: St. George.—An address to a large gathering of women was given on Monday afternoon.

LL. LLOYD.

———— On Thursday evening, Feb. 3rd, the Rev. Henry Sutton gave a very interesting address on the rise and progress of the U-Ganda Mission, in St. George's Church-room, Carleton Road, to the members of the Communicants' Association. On Sunday, Feb. 6th, sermons were preached by the Rev. J. Gosset Tanner and the Vicar, and an address delivered to the children by the Rev. J. S. Serjeant. A meeting was also held at 3.30 p.m. in St. George's Church-room for women, with an address by Mrs. R. Clark, medical missionary from Umritsur, India. On Monday and Tuesday there were other meetings for women, and on Wednesday an address in church on missionary work. All the meetings and services were well attended, and much interest was shown.

MARMADUKE WASHINGTON.

The following sermons and addresses to Sunday-school scholars and other children were specially arranged for in the parish of Islington, on Sunday, February 6th. Parish Church, Rev. W. H. Barlow, B.D.; children's service, 11 a.m., Mr. C. R. Ford; All Saints, Caledonian Road, Rev. A. Wardroper; All Saints, Holloway, Mr. E. M. Anderson; Chapel of Ease, Rev. A. J. Bridgman; Emmanuel, Address. Holy Trinity:—Girls' School, Address; St. George's Hall. Bible-classes, Mr. G. M. Tait; Thornhill Road School, Mr. W. W. Brown; Milton Yard Mission, Mr. W. Morris; Children's service, 6.30 p.m., Mr. A. Watling; St. Andrew, Mr. J. L. Pound; St. Augustine, Rev. S. Dyson, D.D.; St. Barnabas, Mr. T. Askwith; St. Bartholomew, Mr. E. J. Pritchard; St. Clement, Mr. A. H. Cæsar; St. David, Mr. A. Turner; St. George, Rev. J. S. Serjeant; St. James the Apostle, Mr. J. Cullen; St. James, Holloway; St. John the Baptist, Mr. E. Butler; St. John the Evangelist, Mr. F. B. Gwynn; St. John, Highbury, Rev. G. D. Wyatt; St. John, Holloway, Addresses; St. Jude, Addresses; St. Luke, Rev. E. Brewer; St. Mark, Rev. H. Gee; St. Mary, Hornsey Rise, Mr. A. G. Smith; St. Matthew, Mr. H. Hickin; St. Matthias, Mr. H. Brown; St. Michael, Mr. D. M. Brown; St. Paul, Ball's Pond, Rev. J. Hall Shaw; St. Peter, Highgate Hill, Address; St. Peter, Islington, Address; St. Philip, Rev. H. J. Berguer; St. Silas, Children's service, 6.30; St. Stephen, Canonbury, Rev. W. E. Peters; St. Thomas, Barnsbury, Rev. A. R. Steggall, Mr. E. Erwood; Children's service, 11 a.m., Mr. A. Turner; St. Thomas, Finsbury Park, Mr. L. Carrott; Rufford's Row Mission, Address.

ST. SEPULCHRE'S DEANERY.

Clerkenwell: St. Peter's.—On Monday there was a prayer-meeting for the C.M.S. Missions, at which the Rev. J. N. Soden gave a very interesting address. On Wednesday evening there was a service and sermon by the Rev. Canon Scott.

B. OSWALD SHARP.

* "A mite from a small person to help forward the missionary work for the glory of the Great Master, who can multiply it as He did 'the five loaves.'"

Pentonville: St. James's.—Owing to the special C.M.S. effort throughout Clerkenwell last November, we were not able to do as much last week as we should otherwise have done. In my father's parish, St. James's, Pentonville, we had the sermons on Sunday; and on Monday, at 5 p.m., Miss E. Dibdin spoke at a children's meeting. At 8 p.m., there was a service of song by a special choir, and on Wednesday evening the Rev. Newton Soden preached. The children's meeting especially was a great success in every way. As regards numbers, unfortunately our room holds 200 only. It was crowded, and fully 200 more had to be sent away. We have never had such a meeting, and hope that it will be productive of lasting interest.

FANNY E. STUBBS.

Meetings have been held at "The Girls' Welcome," 6, Jewin Street, E.C. On Tuesday there was a lecture by Mr. Mantle, with magic lantern. The room was crammed with an appreciative audience of factory workers. On Wednesday Mr. Lefevre, of the C.M.S. College, gave a most interesting account of his life in Ceylon and of the Mission to the Tamil coolies. The meeting was fairly well attended, and all present were most interested.

E. E. D.

There have been three factory meetings at "The Girls' Welcome." Sixteen shillings in missionary box.

E. DUMERGUE.

SHOREDITCH DEANERY.

Kingsland Road: Ironmongers' Almshouses.—At the Episcopalian Chapel sermons were preached on the Sunday by the Chaplain, and by the Rev. R. R. W. Loveridge, of St. Philip's, Bethnal Green, in the afternoon. On the week-day a short address on missionary topics was given. The inmates of these almshouses are of a superior class, and for more than a quarter of a century have had a Missionary Association connected with the North-East London Branch, sending up from 5*l.* to 7*l.* a year.

SPITALFIELDS DEANERY.

Spitalfields: Christ Church.—Sermons were preached on the Sunday by the Rev. W. G. Mallett, formerly C.M.S. missionary in India, who also gave an address at the meeting on the Monday evening. On Thursday there was a service, when the sermon was preached by the Rev. Henry Brass, Vicar of St. Matthew's, Red Hill.

———— The meeting on Monday good in attendance. Attention given very encouraging. A solemn tone pervaded. WILLIAM G. MALLETT.

———— **St. Stephen.**—The services and meetings here have been well attended.

Bethnal Green: Episcopalian Jews' Chapel.—Good congregations on Sunday. Sermons by Chaplain. Morning subject, Matt. xxiv. 14; evening, Matt. x. 27. Special addresses by Chaplain and two lay friends to about 500 children in the afternoon; also by the former in the Palestine Place Gospel Mission Hall, at 8.30 p.m., on Isa. xlix. 6. Meeting on Monday night well attended. Addresses by Captain Lewis (Bengal Staff Corps), Rev. H. M. Baker, Dr. Law, and the Chaplain. Captain Lewis's address was a most excellent one, and made a deep impression.

G. B. B.

———— Good meeting. About 150 present. Very attentive spirit.

ED. LEWIS.

———— A children's meeting on Tuesday night was addressed by various local friends. There were about one hundred present. We had a very interesting sermon on Wednesday by the Rev. Llewellyn Lloyd. Congregation about one hundred and sixty. Subject, Acts xiv. 26—28. The F.S.M. were closed on Saturday by a prayer-meeting; very well attended. Address by A. B. Pite, Esq.; much earnest prayer offered.

G. B. BARCLAY.

———— **St. James the Less.**—On the Sunday, sermons were preached in this church; and on Tuesday a meeting was held, at which an address was delivered by A. B. Pite, Esq.

Mile End New Town: All Saints'.—Sermons were preached on Sunday February 6th—in the morning by the Rev. E. S. Brühl, Curate, on the words in the Gospel for the day, "Go ye also into the vineyard." In the evening the Rev. H. A. Mason, Vicar, preached from the words in John iv. 35. In the Sunday-school, and at all the Bible-classes connected with All Saints', the lessons given were on the subject of Foreign Missions. On Monday there were special addresses at the mothers' meetings by the Rev. F. Pilcher, Rector of St. Clement's, Oxford. On Tuesday a special service was held at 3 p.m., for women only. About seventy of the poor working-women of the parish assembled at it, and listened with attention and interest to an address by the Rev. F. Pilcher. In the evening all those who subscribe to the missionary boxes in the Sunday-school and Bible-classes were invited to a tea in All Saints' Schools, after which an interesting lecture was given by Mr. Morris, a student of the C.M.S. College. There was a large attendance of both adults and children. On Wednesday we had a children's service, when the Rev. F. Pilcher preached to a large juvenile congregation, chiefly on the subject of the condition of children, and their cruel sufferings in heathen lands. From 8 to 9 p.m. he addressed a sewing-class of junior members of the Girls' Friendly Society. About thirty-five were present, and were much interested in hearing about Australia, its fauna and flora, and also of the state of the aborigines there. From nine to ten Mr. Pilcher spoke to a class of elder girls, telling them of the difficulties and cruelties connected with the system of caste in India. On Thursday the monthly missionary working party was held in the Church House, when the Rev. F. Pilcher gave a special address bearing on the condition of the women of India. About thirty were present, chiefly poor women belonging to the parish. At the evening service a sermon was also preached on the subject of foreign missions by the Rev. F. Pilcher, in which he spoke of the encouragements we have to look for in success in the work. His text was taken from Daniel vii. 27. A missionary service of song was given on Friday evening, in the schoolroom, by the All Saints' Mission Choir. On Saturday evening a devotional meeting was held in the Church House Hall. On Sunday, February 13th, sermons were preached and collections made in the church. The Rev. E. S. Brühl, Curate of All Saints', held a special service for men only in the afternoon. The lessons given at the Sunday-school and Bible-classes during the day all bore on the subject of the missionary cause.

Spital Square: St. Mary.—On Sunday, the Rev. J. H. Keen preached in the morning from Mark xvi. 15. At the children's service, in the afternoon, the Rev. F. W. Briggs referred to the early connection of this church (formerly Wheler Chapel) with the missionary cause, Josiah Pratt the elder, and Edward Bickersteth having been two of its ministers. The Rev. M. Thomas, in the evening, reminded his hearers that two former members of the congregation, Messrs. Lichfield and Goodyear, had been for some time working in the missionary field.

On Monday, at the mothers' meeting in the evening, Mr. Wilmot Brooke gave a short but impressive address on Rom. xiii. 11. He was followed by the Rev. C. T. Wilson, who, with much simplicity and pathos, told the story of the U-Ganda Mission.
M. THOMAS.

————— On Tuesday a general meeting was held in the evening. The Rev. R. A. Pelly delivered an instructive address. An encouraging account of the Niger Mission was given.

————— On Wednesday the Rev. J. M. Eppstein preached at the evening service in church, taking as his text Rev. xxii. 13. He enforced with much earnestness the duty of supporting foreign missionary work. He mentioned some interesting cases which had come under his observation while engaged as a missionary in Smyrna.

————— On Thursday afternoon a short service was held in church, when the Rev. G. B. Durrant gave an address. On Friday there was a devotional meeting in the schoolroom; the Rev. M. Thomas spoke on intercessory prayer. On Sunday, the 13th, Missionary sermons were preached morning and evening.
M. THOMAS.

Spital Square: St. Mary.—The service on Thursday afternoon was very fairly well attended, between fifty and sixty present. G. B. DURRANT.

Whitechapel: St. Mary.—At the schoolroom a large aggregate meeting was held on the 9th inst, organized by the Rector, in conjunction with the Rector of Spitalfields and the clergy of the Deanery. It was very numerously attended. The Bishop of Bedford, Rev. J. A. Faithfull (*vice* Bishop Hellmuth), Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton, Bart., and others took part.

————— Good addresses from Mrs. Bardsley, Miss Mulvany, and the Rev. Dr. Gardiner, were delivered here to a capital meeting of women only. About 350 or 400 were present. Meeting of members of the Temperance Society and others at St. Mary's Schools at 8 p.m. on Tuesday; four hundred to five hundred present. Fifty-three at drawing-room meeting. A. J. ROBINSON.

————— On Wednesday I dwelt on a missionary subject with my gathering of unfortunate women at Whitechapel. I think it really moved them to hear how some of the heathen *care* about the forgiveness of sins.

E. DURRANT.

————— On Thursday there was a crowded juvenile meeting held here, at which the Rev. A. J. Robinson gave a short address, and the Rev. Dr. Gardiner spoke on North-West America, with lantern. The children were specially attentive. B. MORRIS.

The Rector held a very good drawing-room meeting and well-attended service on Thursday evening. H. NEWTON.

————— **St. Paul.**—Tuesday's meeting as good, if not better, than I expected. It was the first meeting ever held, and may be the beginning of others. Twenty adults and forty boys and girls were present. WM. LAYCOCK.

STEPNEY DEANERY.

GENERAL.

A general meeting took place at the Bow and Bromley Institute on Friday, addressed by the Rev. J. B. Whiting, and General Hatt Noble, R.E.

An aggregate meeting for the various churches in the western division of the Stepney Rural Deanery was held at the Town Hall, Limehouse, on Thursday evening at 8 p.m., Sir T. Fowell Buxton presiding. About fifteen of the local clergy were present, and the audience numbered about 200. After the opening proceedings, the meeting was addressed by the Chairman, William Blakeney, Esq., of Westward Ho, and the Rev. H. A. Favell, of Sheffield. A. W. CRIBB.

It was noticed that, while many of the known supporters of the missionary cause were present, a large number of the audience consisted of those who, while belonging to one or other of the local churches, have hitherto shown no interest in Foreign Missions. It is hoped that the sermons preached, or the meetings held, have so far succeeded in arousing their attention to the important work. If so, the addresses to which they then listened could not have failed to have deepened any impression that may have been made upon them. A. W. CRIBB.

PAROCHIAL.

Bow: Parish Church.—A sermon was preached in the Parish Church on Sunday by the Rev. N. R. Fitzpatrick, Vicar of Woodford Wells. On Monday, a drawing-room meeting was held at Bow Rectory. Addresses were delivered by Major-Gen. Hutchinson, C.B., and Rev. A. W. Cribb. On Tuesday, at 3 p.m., a meeting was held in the schools. An address, delivered by Dr. R. N. Cust, was listened to with deep attention. At eight o'clock there were two hundred present to hear a lecture by the Rev. L. Nicholson. W. P. INSLEY.

St. George's-in-the-East.—There were some very interesting meetings held in the workhouse of St. George-in-the East, on Tuesday, by the Rev. J. Seaver, M.A.; and also some addresses given in the large wards of the Infirmary by the Rev. R. Arnold Pelly, M.A.; the patients came in from the small wards, and sat on the

beds to listen. Nearly every inmate in the workhouse and patient in the Infirmary received a small paper about Mission work abroad, and the men had a copy of Canon Farrar's sermon on Foreign Missions. E. J. NORMAN, Chaplain.

Limehouse.—At an evening service here on the Wednesday, the address was delivered by the Rev. T. Kember, missionary from Tinnevely.

Old Ford : St. Paul.—The following were the gatherings arranged in connection with the Church Missionary F.S.M. On Saturday, 5th, prayer-meeting. Sunday 6th, services, Parish Church; children's services. Monday, 7th, teachers' prayer-meeting; Y.W.C.A. address. Tuesday, 8th, workers' prayer-meeting; mothers' prayer-meeting and address; praise meeting, Y.M.C.A. Rooms. Wednesday, 9th, Band of Hope missionary address; Y.M.C.A. missionary Bible-class. Thursday, 10th, Church service, missionary address; open-air service and prayer-meeting. Friday, 11th, workers' praise meeting; choir prayer and praise meeting.

The week's services and meetings have proved refreshing. For several weeks the F.S.M. were talked of and prayed for, by direction of the Rev. W. Adamson, the Vicar. On Saturday a prayer-meeting was held; the Vicar closed with a brief exposition of Isaiah xlix. as bearing upon the Church Missionary Society. The presence of the Holy Spirit was consciously felt. On Sunday a truly missionary spirit pervaded the whole services, both in the church and at the mission church. At the morning service in the Parish Church special collects were presented. The Vicar, after reading the Secretary's letter, preached from Joshua iii. In the afternoon over 400 attended the Children's Service of Praise; there were again special collects used. The service was a happy one. Afterwards the teachers of the several Sunday-schools in the parish met for special intercessory prayer. At the evening service the Vicar read parts of the F.S.M. Tracts 1 and 2; after which a sermon was preached by the Rev. A. Sutherland, late Rector of Snowdon, Jamaica. On Monday the Sunday-school teachers had a cheering missionary class-meeting in the Parochial Institute. The address, which was given by the Vicar, was based on Joshua ix. On Tuesday the workers of the parish met in the morning; and in the afternoon nearly 100 mothers met for prayer, and to hear an address from Mrs. Johnson. This lady, who is the daughter, wife, widow, and mother of missionaries, gave a very excellent address on the condition of "Woman in Heathen Lands." Special prayers were offered (1) for King Mwanga, the murderer of Bishop Hannington; (2) for Mrs. Baker, labouring in India at the ripe age of eighty-six; and (3) for more interest in Missions amongst the women in Old Ford. In the evening the Vicar presided over another meeting; the subject was "The place of Total Abstinence in Foreign Missions." On Wednesday nearly 150 elder children met in the Parochial Institute to hear an address from E. M. Anderson, Esq., of Islington. Whilst the young children were thus occupied, the young women had met in the Christian Association rooms for prayer, and to hear addresses from Mrs. Spurr and Miss Rowland. On Thursday service was conducted in the Parish Church by the Vicar. Special collects were again prepared and presented. A prayer-meeting was afterwards held at nine o'clock. All felt deeply the solemnity of the exercise of silent supplication for which the Vicar called. This was increased when a poor mother (Mrs. Faulkner) spontaneously offered up prayer in most simple and touching language for missionaries, their wives, and their children. On Friday the workers met the Vicar to close a happy, holy week with utterances of glad joy before God. The keynote of all was, "Praise the Lord, for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with us." W. ADAMSON.

——— **St. Stephen.**—Sermons were preached in this church on Sunday, and on Wednesday a special F.S.M. service was held.

Poplar : St. Matthias.—The service here on Wednesday evening very fairly well attended. Between fifty and sixty present. G. B. DURRANT.

——— **St. Stephen.**—The Rev. J. H. Haslam preached here at the evening service on Wednesday.

Stepney : St. Benet.—Sermons were preached by the Vicar and the Rev. R. Arnold Pelly (Vicar of Cold Harbour, Dorking), and various meetings were held during the week.

Stepney: St. Benet.—Drawing-room meeting on Thursday afternoon at the Vicarage, attended by members of various denominations; addresses by Henry Morris, Esq., and Rev. A. W. Cribb.
A. W. CRIBB.

——— **Christ Church.**—On Sunday sermons were preached; also an address to children. On Monday, dissolving views on "India" were shown by Mr. Gill. At eight there was a mothers' meeting; and on Tuesday there was a tea, followed by a public gathering, with addresses by Neale F. Horne, Esq., and Revs. F. W. Botheroyd and E. J. Norman. About eighty were present. Several missionary collecting-boxes taken.
F. J. HOBBS.

——— Meeting on Tuesday evening in schoolroom; Rev. F. J. Hobbins in the chair. Having experienced in the past great difficulty in procuring a good attendance at a missionary meeting in his poor parish, he made special efforts, and about eighty were present, but though the gathering was not large all seemed deeply interested and in earnest.
N. F. HORNE.

——— At the service on Wednesday about seventy were present. This was not bad for the neighbourhood. The congregation very attentive.
WM. LAYCOCK.

——— **St. Dunstan.**—One hundred and twenty were present at the sermon on Monday evening.
J. SEAVER.

——— An address to Sunday-school teachers was delivered on Tuesday evening at the Rectory, by the Rev. J. M. West.
A. W. CRIBB.

——— On Monday at eight a prayer-meeting was held, and on Wednesday afternoon and evening there were devotional services in the Church, with addresses by the Vicar.

——— **Emmanuel.**—On Tuesday afternoon, at 4 p.m., a meeting was held in connection with this temporary church. Attendance small. Speaker, the Rev. J. Seaver.

——— **St. Matthew.**—On Tuesday evening, at 8 p.m., a sermon was preached here by the Rev. S. B. Bridges, Vicar.

——— **St. Philip.**—On the evening of Sunday, the 13th, a sermon was preached in this church by the Rev. A. Atkinson, of St. James', Bermondsey.

——— **St. Peter.**—On Tuesday evening a meeting was held in these schools, at which the Rev. J. Seaver gave the address. Attendance small.

——— **St. Thomas.**—on Monday evening Col. Clarke gave personal testimony to the progress of the Gospel in the various cities in India occupied as missionary centres. He also referred to the work and death of Bishop Hannington, with whom he had been personally acquainted. The attendance was most encouraging. A sermon was preached in St. Thomas' Church on Sunday evening by the Rev. A. W. Cribb, and a meeting was held on Tuesday afternoon at Emmanuel Mission Church, when the Rev. J. Seaver gave an earnest address. The attendance, though not large, was good, considering the hour (4 p.m.), not a very convenient one to the majority of people in East London, but fixed to fit in with other meetings, and to give those an opportunity of attending who were unable to come in the evening.
A. W. CRIBB.

DIOCESE OF ST. ALBAN'S.

BARKING DEANERY.

GENERAL MEETING.

On Friday an aggregate meeting was held at the Town Hall, Walthamstow, presided over by the Vicar. Addresses were delivered by the Revs. Canon Scott-Moncreiff and T. W. Drury, and General Touch. It was largely attended by the clergy and laity of the parish. The speakers were listened to with the greatest attention and interest, and we have every reason to hope for good results from this united gathering.

PAROCHIAL.

Forest Gate.—Meeting here went off well. Good attendance, and a solemn interest. We had two capital meetings on Tuesday. Drawing-room was quite full. The children manifested considerable interest. *Laus Deo!* The two services on Wednesday were very encouraging. I can say τῷ θεῷ δόξα.

H. C. MILWARD.

———— Only a moderate attendance here on Thursday evening. Night bitterly cold. Solemn, earnest service in Parish Church on Friday morning. Addressed a second meeting here on Friday evening. Larger attendance; evident interest.

ALFRED OATES.

Assistance was given at the Forest Gate meetings by the Rev. H. Seeley.

———— **All Saints'.**—Sermons were delivered here on Sunday, and on Tuesday a public meeting was addressed by the Rev. F. W. Dodd.

———— **Emmanuel.**—The work on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday had been well prepared by Mr. Ross and his curates, and a good deal of pains had been taken to make it known, and to arouse an interest in it. We had a general meeting on the Monday, meetings for ladies and for children on the Tuesday, and two sermons on the Wednesday in church. The attendances were not very large at any of the services, but quite enough to be encouraging, and the prevailing thought left upon my mind was a conscious sense of the Divine presence and power in them all. I cannot, of course, tell what lasting result may follow; but I endeavoured faithfully to carry out your two principles, to set forward in every case the glory of God as the leading object to be aimed at, and to impress upon the people in every way I could, and with repeated iteration, that every one of them had something to do in the work. There was a marked attention at all our meetings, and if I know anything of the signs of God's presence, we had them always.

As I have said, I do not know what effects were produced at Forest Gate, but I know that to myself the work was a great refreshment, *greater than anything I have had for a long time*, and I am sure that we were conscious of the answer to prayer in the help that was given to the speaker, as well as in the attention aroused in the hearers. I cannot feel too grateful for having had the chance of taking part in such a work.

H. C. MILWARD.

———— **St. Saviour's.**—A splendid and most enthusiastic meeting on Monday evening. The room was quite full. The speakers, Rev. A. C. Thiselton and F. Sellwood, Esq., full of power and just to the point. I feel sure good done. The mothers' meeting to-day also a great success. On Tuesday night another splendid and glorious meeting of between 1200 and 1300 children and adults. Our old iron building was crammed; children and people sitting even on the floor, and in the old pulpit. Blessed prayer-meeting also in the morning. We have had one every morning since February 1st. God is answering our prayers most graciously. To Him be the glory!

HENDERSON BURNSIDE.

West Ham.—The services and meetings here have been well attended.

Leyton.—Sermons were preached in the churches on the Sunday by the parochial clergy and the Rev. G. B. Durrant, missionary from Lucknow.

———— On Sunday we had good congregations.

G. B. DURRANT.

———— **National Schools.**—On Monday evening there was a small meeting, but I hope a hearty one. Some of our earnest workers present, who were encouraged.

ELIOT HOWARD.

———— There was a good number for the reading of the Bible in the church. So pleased, that a similar Bible-reading on Thursday and Friday were at once arranged for, in addition to the other meetings. There was service in the church at 7.30. A most attentive audience of about 150 were present.

Thursday was a very happy, blessed time. We had a Bible-reading at 3.30 in

church, and a missionary meeting in the evening at the Mission Church. Mr. Arbuthnot gave a most useful address. The prayer-meeting was a wonderful season. He, the Lord, was there. Praise Him! H. G. THWAITES.

Leyton.—On Friday evening the work of F.S.M. here closed. I attended two meetings to-day at St. Mary's. A service and Bible-reading at 3.30. At All Saints' a missionary meeting at eight, which was followed by prayer-meeting. Mr. Wilmot Brooke spoke of Africa; a good meeting, but not quite up to those which I have attended this week. Young men here are waiting for the Lord's beckoning hand for going out. H. G. THWAITES, of Newport, Isle of Wight.

———— There was a thoroughly earnest and united effort made in Leyton this week which cannot fail to tell. G. B. DURRANT.

Stratford: St. John.—Sermons were preached here by the parochial clergy on Sunday, February 6th.

———— **Christ Church.**—On Sunday evening, the 13th, I preached here, and on Monday was requested by the Vicar to give a Christian Vernacular Education Society's lantern lecture as part of the F.S.M. effort. H. SEELEY.

Walthamstow: St. Mary: St. Peter: St. Stephen.—Sermons were preached in these churches on Sunday by the clergy of the parishes.

———— **St. Stephen.**—Mrs. Noble had a remarkably well-attended meeting. She found the ladies very desirous of helping forward the work.

H. HATT NOBLE.

———— On Thursday the Rev. F. T. Colson held a juvenile meeting in the evening.

Woodford Wells.—Mrs. Noble had two meetings on Friday, and was very much pleased with them. H. HATT NOBLE.

Another correspondent writes from Woodford:—

"Our C.M.S. week is at an end, and I think I may truly say it has been a very blessed and helpful one. Indeed, from the delightful afternoon prayer-meeting, on February 5th, to yesterday evening, Woodford seemed to be on the watch for teaching and help; and I do feel that the meetings have not been in vain. They have been well attended and much valued, and on all sides we notice a real stirring up. We long that this should continue, and intend to keep up the interest as much as we can. Mr. Ashe was with us on Sunday afternoon (the 6th), and made our hearts ache with his sorrowful story. Since then, twenty-four Sunday-school teachers have agreed each to take in the *Gleaner* or *Intelligencer*, and I hope to get them all to join the 'Gleaners' Union.'

"I have also started a local Missionary Guild among our poorer and richer neighbours alike. They agree both to pray and work; each member contributing not less than two articles towards a sale in the autumn. I have 200 members already, and four times a year they meet for instruction in missionary work abroad. We start a ladies' working party in connection with this guild this week. I also much hope that more than one of our young people are asking themselves, "Cannot I give myself" to this work? It will be joy indeed to send forth labourers into the vineyard from our midst."

DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER.

DEPTFORD DEANERY.

A meeting in connection with the F.S.M. was held in the Public Hall, New Cross, on Wednesday evening. The chair (in the unavoidable absence of Bishop Titcomb, who had been announced to preside) was occupied by the Rev. J. Malcolmson, who was supported by Colonel Stewart, C.B., the Rev. Henry Brass, M.A., Vicar of St. Matthew's, Redhill, and others. There was a large attendance, and the meeting was an enthusiastic one. WALTER MAYHEW.

Deptford: St. John.—There was a large congregation, including about 200 Socialists, at this church on Sunday. The Vicar (the Rev. E. J. Hone) chose his text from Matt. vi. 9, "Our Father."
WALTER MAYHEW.

————— Missionary sermons were preached on Sunday, at the three services by the Rev. Evelyn J. Hone, Vicar; the Rev. Frank Smith, Curate; and the Rev. W. H. Langhorne, Vicar of St. Luke's, Hackney. In preparation for the F.S.M., the Vicar had also written a special preparatory letter in the *St. John's Parish Magazine*, exhorting his people to constant intercession for Missions during the appointed week, and requesting that the subject of Missions should be the prominent topic at all the several ordinary parochial meetings. Accordingly, Missions was the main subject for Sunday teaching in the boys' and girls' schools, at the Sunday and week-day Bible-classes for young men, young women, men, ladies, and at the two mothers' meetings. At a gathering of church workers, in the St. John's church-room, an address was given on Missions by the Rev. William Windle, Rector of St. Stephen's, City. Many of the parishioners also attended the aggregate meeting for Deptford and Hatcham, held in the New Cross Hall on Wednesday, at which the chairman, the Rev. J. Malcolmson, Vicar of St. Luke's, Deptford; the Rev. Henry Brass, Vicar of St. Matthew's, Redhill; and Colonel Stewart, C.B., spoke effectively. Add to this that the whole subject was made the one topic for intercession at the weekly prayer-meeting, on Saturday, February 5th, when a missionary address was delivered by Mr. G. A. T. Hill, diocesan lay preacher.
E. J. H.

Sermons were also preached at *Christ Church, St. James's, St. Luke's, and St. Peter's*, by the parochial clergy.

GREENWICH DEANERY.

GENERAL.

My work began on Monday, the 7th, at a juvenile meeting from four parishes of Greenwich (the Rev. F. Storer Clark in the chair), in the Mission Hall, which was well filled by an attentive audience. Having spoken, I left Mr. Williams (my coadjutor), to go by train to East Greenwich, where, in a very large mission room, we had about 160 persons, presided over by the Vicar and Rural Dean, the Rev. D. Reith; the chairman and I addressed the meeting. It was suggested that a Juvenile Association should be formed. On Tuesday, Mr. Williams and I spoke at a drawing-room gathering of about forty persons, very attentive hearers. The immediate result, though not entirely due to the meeting, was that one person gave 5*l.* as her subscription instead of 1*l.* 1*s.*
J. W. CONSTERDINE.

On Monday evening Mr. Consterdine and I spoke at a juvenile meeting at West Greenwich; Rev. F. Storer Clark in the chair; about 400 present. As a practical outcome of this meeting it is proposed to form a Juvenile Association, with quarterly meetings for the united parishes. We then went on to Westcombe Park Mission Room, East Greenwich; Rev. D. Reith in the chair. Nearly 200 were present. A large district is springing up there, and the Vicar is introducing missionary boxes in the Sunday-school.
NEALE F. HORNE.

PAROCHIAL.

Greenwich.—St. Alphege.—On Wednesday morning, a service was held in this church.

Lee.—Mr. Dimond-Churchward reports an excellent meeting at Belmont Hall on Tuesday evening.
B. BARING-GOULD.

————— **Holy Trinity.**—This parish joined with others at Blackheath in issuing a joint programme of services and meetings during the week. On the 6th, sermons on the subject of Missions were preached at all three services. A prayer-meeting was held on Tuesday.

Sydenham: Holy Trinity.—On Sunday, sermons were preached on behalf of the C.M.S.—in the morning by the Rev. Llewellyn Lloyd, missionary from China; and in the evening by the Rev. H. Sutton. On Monday evening, the annual meeting was held in the schoolroom, under the presidency of the Vicar, the Rev.

H. Stevens. There was a very large attendance, and the Rev. Ll. Lloyd gave an address of exceptional interest. Mr. Edward Gellatley read the report of the local branch of the Society, which showed that about 140*l.* was remitted to the Parent Society from the Sydenham auxiliary last year.

WOOLWICH DEANERY.

Blackheath.—Wednesday began with a solemn and most enjoyable service at St. John's Church, where the Holy Communion was administered at eleven o'clock, and an address given by the Rev. H. A. Favell. At three o'clock in the afternoon the large concert hall at the Rink was filled from end to end with children. The Rev. E. A. Stuart spoke to them of the strong right hand of missionary effort, and riveted their attention as he told appropriate anecdotes of the diligent and right use of giving. One perhaps you may find room for. "At a missionary meeting the children were asked to give a penny each. Five sorts of pennies were given. One boy thought they ought not to have collections at a missionary meeting, but he must give, he supposed, as he was asked; his penny was an *iron* penny, from a hard, iron heart. Another said, 'A penny! What's a penny? Of course I've put a penny in;' that was a *tin* penny. Another, when he came to the plate, looked round to see if his teacher was near, and waited till he was looking at him, and then dropped his penny in with a loud thump; that was a *brass* penny. Another said, 'I am very sorry for these poor heathen; of course I will give a penny, I should like to give more;' that was a *silver* penny. Another said, 'I love my dear Saviour: He wants these poor heathen to know about Him. I will give a penny; indeed, I would give all I have to bring about His wish;' that was a *golden* penny." The Rev. A. Baring-Gould also spoke most feelingly; and one of the most successful juvenile meetings ever held in Blackheath was brought to a close, having lasted one hour and a quarter only.

J. W. MARSHALL.

In the same hall, in the evening, an aggregate meeting was held, the Bishop of Rochester presiding. Amongst those present were the Ven. Archdeacon Whately, the Revs. B. Baring-Gould, B. W. Bucke, J. Burkitt, H. A. Favell, A. Houghton, Dr. Lansdell, J. W. Marshall, D. Reith, C. H. Simpkinson, and J. Simpson, General Halliday, and Messrs. W. Blakeney, R.N., N. Bridges, Cleeve, C.B., Chancellor Dibdin, and H. Morris. The Bishop of Rochester gave an admirable address, in which he said that these meetings had been organized by the Church Missionary Society to stimulate missionary zeal in all societies which were labouring in foreign lands. The Church Missionary Society was one which all Churchmen respected, and many dearly loved, "And I," said the Bishop with deep feeling, "am one of the last." He said Missions to the heathen had had, like all good work, to pass through three periods,—the period of cold disdain, of violent opposition, of respectful acquiescence. He dwelt with great power upon our Lord's command as the great reason for missionary effort, and concluded a most stirring address by alluding to the joyfully solemn moment of meeting the Saviour in the bliss of Paradise. If, then, any pang of regret, any feeling of disappointment could be felt, it would be this, "While I was on earth I did so little for Thee." Mr. Chancellor Dibdin, the Rev. H. A. Favell and Mr. Blakeney followed with most useful addresses. This day, devoted to missionary thoughts, for which many in Blackheath thank God with all their hearts, will long live in our memories, and the results will, it is believed, be neither few nor transitory.

J. W. MARSHALL.

——— **St. Michael.**—On Sunday morning the Bishop of Rochester preached a very powerful sermon on "The Saviour of the World." The church was crowded. In the afternoon we had an excellent gathering for the young, and in the evening a striking sermon from Rev. H. A. Favell, on "Such as I have give I thee." To-night we intended holding our prayer-meeting in the Vestry, but were compelled by reason of our numbers to adjourn into the church. So that, so far, we have much for which to thank God, as the interest seems thoroughly aroused.

B. BARING-GOULD.

Kidbrook.—Sermons were preached here on Sunday, February 6th.

——— We have had a very hearty meeting for prayer at Kidbrook.

Kidbrook.—The Rev. H. A. Favell was encouraged at a drawing-room meeting.
B. BARING-GOULD.

Good meeting. Much interest excited.

A. HOUGHTON.

Shooter's Hill.—A crowded meeting was held here on Monday evening, attended by many of the military, &c.
B. BARING-GOULD.

——— **All Saints.**—The results of the F.S.M., have been very encouraging. Missionary boxes have found supporters, and liberal provision has been made for the expenses incidental to the services. The Vicar, the Rev. T. V. Williams, preached a special sermon on the 6th inst., and on the following day Mr. Blakeney, R.N., gave an interesting address in the schoolroom. The services on Tuesday and Wednesday were held in the Church, by the Rev. S. L. Dixon, Vicar of St. George's, Worthing.

Woolwich.—During the last few years the interest taken in Missions in Woolwich and its neighbourhood has increased to a considerable and gratifying extent. The contributions to the C.M.S. have risen since 1879 from about 73*l.* to about 230*l.* Under these circumstances, it was to be expected that Woolwich, Plumstead, and Shooter's Hill would respond somewhat warmly to the appeal of the C.M.S. to join in the February Simultaneous Meetings. Services and meetings have been held in the following parishes:—St. Mary's, St. John's, and Holy Trinity, Woolwich; St. James' and St. John's, Plumstead; Christ Church and All Saints', Shooter's Hill; besides which, two drawing-room meetings, an address to women at the Soldiers' Home, Hill Street, and a large general meeting at the Duke of Connaught Royal Assembly Rooms, had also entered into the arrangements. Notice was given that the movement was not for the immediate purpose of raising money, and so we have had the somewhat rare spectacle of a number of missionary meetings with "no collections." It is, of course, hoped that the interest which has been excited and quickened this week will ultimately result in a large increase in the contributions to Missions generally; and what is of even more importance, offers of personal service in the mission-field. Of these results it is of course too soon to judge, but from the earnest and large attendance at many of the meetings, together with the united prayer which has accompanied the movement, we cannot but trust that an even greater interest in Mission work will shortly be manifested by the inhabitants of Woolwich and the neighbourhood.
T. MAXWELL.

In some of the parishes there have been special meetings for mothers, women, young men, or children. In addition to many of the local clergy or laity, the Rev. A. H. Arden, formerly missionary in South India; the Rev. J. W. Consterdine, the Rev. Townsend Storrs, formerly missionary in South India; the Rev. S. L. Dixon, the Rev. H. A. Bren, missionary from Bombay; Mr. Robert Williams, jun., and Mr. William Blakeney have taken part in the meetings.

——— On Sunday there were good and attentive congregations at St. John and St. Mary's, and a very large attendance of children at St. James' in the afternoon; the schoolroom would not hold them, and all had to be moved into church. On Monday afternoon the address to women at the Soldiers' Home was attended by about sixty, and one curious result was that five came forward desiring to sign the pledge! At the young men's meeting at St. Mary's some twenty-five were present. Mr. Williams gave a good deal of the history of the C.M.S., and was questioned most intelligently by the young men. In this church most of the missionary interest centres, of course, in Bishop Anson. On Tuesday afternoon there was a most impressive drawing-room meeting for officers and their families. One lady afterwards gave 5*l.* for the C.M.S. The "Cycles" were spoken of and distributed. On Tuesday evening, after the meeting in St. John's, Woolwich, a young lady expressed to Mr. Williams her desire to give herself to the Zenana work. She had been a Sunday-school teacher in this parish for several years. On Tuesday night there was a meeting at St. John's. There was also a large tea meeting and addresses at St. James'. On Wednesday afternoon a full and most interesting drawing-room meeting was held at Trinity Vicarage. Another lady came forward (tentatively) to propose to offer herself for China. A bill was drawn up for the large meeting on Thursday, and it was proposed to distribute 400 on the seats, with the new slips, "Solemn Questions."
T. MAXWELL, M.D.

Woolwich.—On Tuesday evening a very small gathering was addressed in St. John's Mission Hall. On Wednesday Mr. Williams and I addressed a drawing-room meeting of ladies at the Trinity Vicarage (Rev. Mr. Jordan), after which two or three spoke to Mr. Williams on the subject of their going out in some capacity as heralds of the Gospel to the East. At St. John's, I preached in the evening to about seventy persons from Jonah iii. 1, 2. On Thursday we had a closing meeting for the town in the Assembly Rooms, at which about 250 persons were present. There was great attention, and Dr. Maxwell received *ll.* as a subscription, due to the interest excited. J. W. CONSTERDINE.

On Thursday night the final meeting was well attended, Mr. Consterdine speaking for an hour, and keeping up the interest the whole time. A gentleman gave me *ll.* afterwards. Major Russell, of St. James's, is starting a scheme for supporting a catechist by St. James's. Perhaps some other parishes may follow the example. I wish the *Gleaner* could be localized again. A number were sold.

T. MAXWELL, M.D.

BEDDINGTON DEANERY.

Cheam School Chapel.—A sermon in aid of the C.M.S. was preached on Sunday morning. A meeting was held on Tuesday for intercessory prayer, and a very interesting and earnest address was given by the Rev. Ll. Lloyd, Missionary from China. Several well-known labourers in the mission-field were educated at Cheam School.

Miteham.—An aggregate meeting was held on the Wednesday during the F.S.M. week, which was addressed by the Rev. G. Arbuthnot, and Sydney Gedge, Esq., M.P.

———— **Christ Church.**—Sermons were preached here on Sunday, February 6th.

KINGSTON DEANERY.

On Tuesday two meetings took place at the College Hall, Richmond. In the afternoon there was a capital attendance, the chair being taken by the Rev. H. M. M. Hackett, Incumbent of Christ Church, who was supported on the platform by the Rev. E. H. Hopkins, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Rev. H. C. Knox, Rev. B. Baring-Gould, Mr. Clarence Roberts, and Mr. Eliot Howard, J.P.

On Tuesday afternoon we had an excellent meeting, chiefly ladies present owing to the hour of the day, but a most happy time. Mr. Baring-Gould gave a deeply interesting and practical address for thirty-three minutes, and I had spoken for twenty-seven minutes. ELIOT HOWARD.

We have had two most excellent meetings. Nothing could have been more earnest and impressive than Mr. Baring-Gould's addresses. He carried the whole meeting with him near its close, when he stated that Henry Martyn's picture hung in Mr. Simeon's study, and whenever he looked at it he seemed to hear a voice saying, "Simeon, Simeon, be earnest, be earnest;" and then Mr. Baring-Gould with hands clasped, reminded them that an eye greater than Simeon's was ever on them; and added, most pathetically, "Be earnest, be earnest; the time is short, and the heathen are perishing." The heartiness and length of the applause proved how entirely he was appreciated. The porter at the hall said there were 200 present in the afternoon, and over 300 in the evening, when a large body of Wesleyan students went to hear Mr. Jas. Johnson. Sir Douglas Fox gave the first address, and explained how missionary work commenced and failed 150 years ago with the Hottentots, how our own Society was formed when almost all doors were closed, and how wonderfully they had been opened. Mr. Baring-Gould then spoke, described his personal reminiscences of Bishop Crowther and Archdeacon Johnson, gave a sketch of his own conversion, and concluded by speaking of the reflex blessing of caring for the heathen. His calm, quiet enthusiasm was most striking and refreshing. I am sure every one must have realized that God was present, and that it was indeed good to have been

there. I feel deeply thankful for the tone that has pervaded our meetings, at once solemn and earnest, and trust we may arrange for a thanksgiving service in my school next week.

F. T. CAHILL.

A correspondent of the *Richmond Times* remarks:—"The meeting in the College Hall was remarkable in one very important respect. Although it was held by the Church Missionary Society, there was a very large attendance of representatives from the Wesleyan College, Richmond, who took an enthusiastic share in the proceedings. Their presence (as well as that of other Dissenters) was gracefully alluded to by the Rev. B. Baring-Gould, whose remarks on the practical solidarity of the aims of all true Protestant Evangelical societies were most cordially endorsed by every one present."

I fervently pray that the success granted may bear much fruit. We are hoping to hold a thanksgiving service on Wednesday, in connection with these meetings. One result is that many fresh orders have been given for *Gleaners*. I hope we shall be able to increase their circulation still more.

F. T. CAHILL.

Ham.—We have just concluded our Friday evening meeting here. Although the severity of the weather thinned the attendance, still the interest manifested was very hearty, and I trust, with God's blessing, that the result may be greater zeal in Mission work. We had with us Mr. E. P. Williams, from Kingston, who engaged in prayer; and his nephew, the Rev. C. E. Williams, Vicar of St. Martin's, Wolverhampton, whose address was very spiritual and powerful. Last Sunday I had the privilege of preaching morning and evening in our own church on the subject.

THOMAS G. P. HOUGH.

Kingston.—Sermons were preached in two or three of the district churches on Sunday, the 6th inst.; but the keynote of united sympathy was struck at the fine old Parish Church on the Monday evening by Bishop Cheetham, late of Sierra Leone. The text was selected from Heb. vii. 25, "Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost," &c. Having explained the necessity of "the coming unto God" by Christ for an effectual benefit, for salvation, the preacher spoke of the duty and privilege of Christian men and women. Granting that some gave up to and even beyond their means in spreading the Gospel of Christ, were not these exceptions? Could the same be asserted of any parish or congregation? The Church at home had not realized, he said, the need of the heathen nor their own individual responsibility. Much had no doubt been done by the few devoted servants of Christ; but the many required to be stirred to pray more, give more, and labour more. He added a brief word on the suitability of this special effort to deepen in all hearts an increasing sense of the claim which the world at large had upon us as professing Christians, and thus closed an earnestly-delivered and impressive sermon of forty-five minutes' duration.

J. ROOKER.

— A fine sermon on Monday in the Parish Church by Bishop Cheetham. Very fair congregation, and manifest interest in subject.

A. CORNFORD.

Kingston Hill: Christ Church.—Sermons were preached on the Sunday by the parochial clergy. There was also a service on Wednesday.

— A crowded meeting was held at The Gables, Surbiton, in the afternoon of Thursday, the Rev. W. H. Ranken, Vicar of Christ Church, supplying the place, as chairman, of the Archdeacon of Kingston. Sydney Gedge, Esq., M.P., was present, and gave an interesting address.

— **St. Paul.**—The service at the Parish Church was followed up by a drawing-room meeting on Tuesday afternoon, which was well attended and addressed by Frank Sellwood, Esq., and the Rev. C. L. Williams.

— Thank God for most profitable drawing-room meeting just held. Very stirring address from the Rev. C. L. Williams, and Frank Sellwood, Esq. The Spirit of God was present to bless, and His presence felt most sensibly.

A. CORNFORD, Vicar.

— On Tuesday our drawing-room meeting was quite full, and many were the manifest tokens of God's presence and blessing. Great good may be expected. We are much encouraged. On Wednesday there was a special ser-

vice in St. Luke's (chapel of ease), with stirring sermon from the Rev. C. L. Williams. Marked attention and great interest. A. CORNFORD.

Norbiton.—On Tuesday evening a meeting was held in the school-room, which was fairly well filled. The Vicar, the Rev. J. Rooker, sketched the rise and progress of the "C.M.S.," chiefly in its bearing upon the number of European missionaries, and pointed out that there had been no proportionate increase during the last fifteen years, as compared with the steady additions which marked the period between 1820—1870, though the number of Native clergymen was still steadily advancing, which was a matter for much thankfulness. Mr. Sellwood touched upon the need of particular districts, especially Persia, giving an interesting account of a journey which he took to Julfa in company with Dr. Bruce. Special prayer was then offered by E. P. Williams, Esq., an old and valued friend of the C.M.S. His nephew, the Rev. C. L. Williams, Vicar of St. Mark's, Wolverhampton, gave the next address. In a fluent and animated appeal of thirty-five minutes, which contained interesting missionary information, he showed the marvellous spread of Gospel light and Gospel opportunity, expressing his own personal conviction that no sphere of labour so repaid the Christian man as that of Missions abroad, or was more likely to re-act in blessing on the Church at home. J. ROOKER.

Richmond.—We have had prayer-meetings on each successive Wednesday during the past six weeks to prepare for our F.S.M. These have been well attended and much valued. Papers and notices of meetings to be held have been carefully circulated throughout almost all our C.M. districts, and there is a large expectation of an abundant blessing. Our F.S.M. commenced on Saturday evening, the 5th, with a prayer-meeting: the Rev. H. M. M. Hackett presided. The Rev. J. B. Crozier gave a solemn address to Christian workers. At Holy Trinity on Sunday, the 6th, the attendance was satisfactory. Mr. Crozier preached in the morning, and Mr. Hackett in the evening. At Christ Church in the morning Mr. Hackett, after explaining that the primary application of his text, John x. 14-16, was to the Jews, described who the "other sheep" were, their infinite numbers, and their vast variety. His statistics were so simply and clearly stated, that they *must* have made an impression. In the evening Mr. Crozier preached. This being the first Sunday in the month, there was an afternoon service in both churches for children. We had a drawing-room meeting on Monday afternoon, at which 100 ladies were present. The Rev. E. Hopkins presided. Mr. Hackett gave a very brief address, followed by the Rev. J. B. Whiting, of Ramsgate. In the evening we had a juvenile meeting, conducted entirely by Mr. Hackett. The schoolroom in which it was held was closely packed with children. Pictures of heathen deities were exhibited, and stories concerning them given; the attention of the hearers being sustained throughout. F. T. CAHILL.

STREATHAM DEANERY.

The first Wandsworth meeting was held at Down Lodge Hall. The parish had been flooded with notices, which were distributed in the churches, and from house to house. The Vicar of Wandsworth (Rev. Wm. Reed, M.A.) presided, supported by the clergy of All Saints', St. Stephen's, and St. Michael's. The Rev. H. W. Jones spoke, and several missionary boxes were taken by those present. The second meeting was held at Down Lodge Hall on Tuesday at 8 p.m.; the Rev. C. Carruthers, Vicar of St. Stephen's, in the chair. At the last meeting on Friday, there was a good attendance, especially when the coldness of the night was considered. Indeed, all the week a number of people, who take the greatest interest in Missions, had not dared to venture out. The chairman, A. Churchill, Esq., was supported by the Rev. H. Sutton (Central Sec., C.M.S.), Rev. Ll. Lloyd (C.M.S. missionary at Foo-Chow), the Vicar of Wandsworth, &c. &c. I think we may consider that our meetings have been very successful. Several more missionary boxes were taken. E. H. M. JACKSON.

Balham.—On Wednesday we had a roomful of ladies to listen to an excellent address from Mrs. Darwin Fox, full of the power of the Holy Spirit. It cannot, I think, fail to bring friends out of Balham to help in this glorious work.

CHARLOTTE A. GOODHART.

Balham.—Let praise be offered for our meetings here. On Wednesday afternoon we had between forty and fifty, with Mrs. Darwin Fox. On Saturday, filled to overflowing; sixty-four, over fifty children. Mrs. Lamb gave a most interesting address. Five persons of the upper classes of whom the meeting was chiefly composed, took missionary boxes; so our motto must be, "Go forward."

CHARLOTTE A. GOODHART.

Streatham: Emmanuel.—Sermons were preached here on the Sunday by the Rev. H. Sutton, Central Secretary of the C.M.S.

We had a most hearty and well-attended meeting of about 370 persons on Tuesday night. *Such* a C.M.S. meeting has, I am quite sure, never been held at Streatham before. The speaking was much appreciated and very instructive. Our drawing-room took in a good number, and nothing could have exceeded the interest of it. There was a real Power amongst us, and both Canon Blenkin and Mr. H. Morris were most impressive, instructive, and interesting. We have had, too, a juvenile meeting for the congregation-children at our house. I may add we had an overflowing assembly of 500 or 600 children on Sunday afternoon, and an unusually full church on Sunday evening. We never can accommodate many more than we usually have in the morning.

G. S. STREATFIELD.

———— A successful juvenile meeting took place on Wednesday afternoon. About seventy children were present.

THOMAS CAMPBELL.

Streatham Hill: Christ Church.—On Sunday, the 6th, special sermons were preached at Christ Church; in the morning by the Vicar, and in the evening by the Rev. Arthur Woods, the Curate. In connection with arrangements made by the incumbents of ten churches in the neighbourhood of Brixton Hill, a public meeting was held on Tuesday, in the schoolroom of Christ Church, Streatham Hill, of which the Rev. Wodehouse Raven is the Vicar. The meeting was numerously attended, chiefly by parishioners of all classes and ages. The chair was occupied by Alfred G. Beebe, Esq., the Vicar's churchwarden. The speakers, who were listened to with earnest and sympathetic attention, were E. M. Wimperis, Esq., the Rev. Canon Money (Vicar of St. Luke's, Cheltenham), and W. E. Shipton, Esq.

———— I am glad to be able to report that our meeting was good: the room was well filled, the attention was most marked, the addresses were characterized by a solemn and devout fervour, and the presence of God's blessed Spirit was undoubtedly felt.

ARTHUR WOODS, Curate.

Summers Town: St. Mary.—At the meeting there was a good attendance. The address occupied one hour in delivery. Collection 3*l*.

LL. LLOYD.

———— Best meeting ever held here. Excellent addresses by Rev. Ll. Lloyd (Fuh-Kien), and Rev. C. E. Casher. Much hope missionary zeal will be deepened.

B. R. THORNE.

Wandsworth: Parish Church.—A special service was held on Thursday evening. There was a good congregation. The preacher was the Rev. W. A. Scott (Vicar of Seaham, and Hon. Canon of Durham), who urged his hearers to do more than they had ever done for the cause of Missions—by their prayers, their offerings, or by giving themselves, their sons, or their daughters for work in the foreign mission-field.

E. H. M. JACKSON.

———— **St. Stephen.**—A special service was held on Wednesday evening at eight o'clock. There was a fair attendance. An impressive sermon was preached by the Rev. H. Sutton from Joshua xiii. 1.

E. H. M. JACKSON.

BATTERSEA DEANERY.

Battersea: St. George.—On Tuesday evening an excellent meeting was held; chiefly working people. Mr. Ince, of Watford, spoke most practically, and I followed; the audience most attentive, and a happy and solemn sense of the deep importance of the subject was shown throughout.

ELIOT HOWARD.

CAMBERWELL DEANERY.

Peckham.—A public meeting was held in St. Mary's College, Hanover Park, on Monday evening, February 7th, at 8 p.m. The Lord Bishop of Rochester took the chair. The Rev. J. B. Whiting spoke, followed by Major Owen Hay. Archdeacon Richardson concluded with four valuable resolves concerning missionary work—I may, I must, I ought, and I will. The hall was nearly full. Signs of great interest and attention.

W. SNAPE CADMAN.

———— Large attendance. Many clergy. Tone excellent. Interest great.
J. R.

Camberwell: All Saints.—Special services and meetings were held this week in connection with the F.S.M. Both services on Sunday were well attended; special sermons were preached. On Monday there was a prayer-meeting in All Saints' Schools with address by the Rev. T. J. Gaster. On Tuesday a public meeting was held in the schools, when an earnest appeal was given by the Rev. T. Kember; attendance fairly good. On Thursday, service in church, with sermon by the Rev. T. J. Gaster. On Friday, address in schools, with lantern. Full to overflowing.

IRENE GASTER.

———— Large congregations on Sunday. Fifty canvassers. The Monday prayer-meeting was well attended: An address on "Missions and Missionaries, A.D. 1800 and A.D. 1886." On Thursday evening there was a sermon by the Vicar; a good attendance on a very cold evening. On Friday we had a children's evening; 400 were present in the large room, which was crammed. Subject, "God's Work in the Punjab," illustrated by slides lent by the C.M.S. The explanations were given by the Rev. T. J. Gaster.

T. J. GASTER.

———— **Camden Church.**—On Sunday, February 6th, sermons were preached in connection with the F.S.M., and on Wednesday evening there was a service with a sermon by the Rev. H. W. Webb-Peploe. On Thursday afternoon there was a special meeting, addressed by the Rev. M. D. Dimond-Churchward.

———— **Christ Church.**—Here there were sermons on the Sunday by the Vicar; a Communicants' Union meeting on Tuesday, with conversation on F.S.M. and C.M.S. work, &c.; a sermon on Wednesday evening by the Rev. F. Storer Clarke, M.A.; and a parochial meeting on Thursday evening.

RICHARD OSCAR T. THORPE.

———— **St. Mark's.**—On the 5th there was a gathering of Sunday-school teachers for a special service. Sermons were preached on the Sunday by the Rev. T. Kember, Principal of the Training College of Native Teachers, Tinnevely. On Tuesday evening there was a meeting for the congregations of St. Mary's and St. Mark's. On Wednesday a united service for children took place in the church at five o'clock. On Thursday a ladies' working party met in connection with the Missionary Leaves Association.

Herne Hill: St. Saviour's.—The subject of Missions to the heathen was, according to the C.M.S. arrangement, brought before the congregation on Sunday morning and evening by the Vicar, the Rev. L. T. Chavasse and the Rev. A. W. Clampett. On Tuesday night, in the Parochial Room, a devotional meeting took place, when the Rev. R. B. Ransford, of St. Jude's, Brixton, and Mr. Geo. Moore, jun., of Sevenoaks, gave addresses.

South Dulwich: St. Stephen's.—On Sunday, February 6th, sermons were preached by the parochial clergy.

On Tuesday a drawing-room meeting was held in this parish by the kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Nunn. Archdeacon Richardson took the chair. Major-General Van Heythuysen was the first speaker. He dwelt more especially on the features of Mission work in India that have come under his own observation, and answered the objections so often made—(1) That we have so many poor at home, (2) so many heathen at home, (3) that Mission work is so slow, and (4) that the lives of Native Christians are often unsatisfactory and inconsistent. The Rev. Canon Peacocke, D.D., followed, and in the course of an eloquent speech asked whether it ought not to make Christians ashamed to know that the London theatres last year took some 30,000*l.* more than was contributed for Missions by

the whole United Kingdom? The Rev. J. Gilmore, Vicar of St. Luke's, Lower Norwood, and the Rev. R. Allen, Vicar of Christ Church, Gipsy Hill, also spoke.

HUGH J. D. ASTLEY.

South Dulwich: St. Stephen's.—On Wednesday afternoon Canon Peacocke preached to a moderately good congregation.

HUGH J. D. ASTLEY.

Sermons were delivered here on the Sunday.

Upper Norwood: St. Paul.—I have great pleasure in forwarding the enclosed two cheques for 49*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.* The above amount is made up as follows:—St. Paul's, Upper Norwood, sermons, 48*l.* 17*s.* 2*d.*; St. James's Mission Church (pence), 1*l.* 0*s.* 2*d.* You will see that we have made a considerable advance on our collections after sermons last year. The meetings of the week had a blessed effect on the minds and hearts of our people; and God was, of a truth, with our tried and valued friend Mr. Sutton on Sunday. His sermons excited the interest and touched the hearts of the congregation, and they responded accordingly. We hope, by God's blessing, to make a further advance before the financial year closes.

W. H. GRAHAM.

Penge.—Workers' meeting, on Monday evening, in large parish-room. Quite full; many clergy; Mr. McAnally in chair. Audience interested and sympathetic to the end. Tone, highly spiritual; an echo of the four o'clock meeting at Salisbury Square. An evident answer to prayer and effort, and a beginning of good things to come.—Each branch of the movement on Tuesday has been prospered and blessed. The church full: afternoon meeting for ladies, and evening one for men only, very well attended; the latter very interesting; many young men; tea; and addresses by General Field, the Rev. E. Sampson, and myself. The plain Gospel, and Mission work in its highest aspects, were set forth and responsively received.

J. JOHNSTONE BOURNE.

— The services and meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday continued full of interest, and we are most thankful for the dear brethren who came to us—for the manly, earnest, and decided utterances of General Field, Mr. Johnstone Bourne, and the Revs. E. Sampson and J. B. Whiting. The addresses and sermons have stirred a feeling in Penge which I have no doubt will bear fruit. Our meetings for ladies and servants, and also the congregations in church, have far exceeded the expectations of the clergy, and the meeting for men only was full of enthusiasm. All have felt it good for their own souls, and I trust an undying interest in the Missions of the C.M.S. will be felt in this neighbourhood. Our one interesting meeting on Thursday was a united gathering of Sunday-school children in Christ Church, when Mr. Sampson preached. On Friday we assembled in St. John's Church at eleven o'clock, when Mr. Sampson once more spoke to us. Notwithstanding the bitterness of the weather, a large congregation assembled, and were much interested in the story of the East Africa Mission generally, and of U-Ganda also. In the afternoon there was a prayer-meeting of all the clergy of Penge at St. John's Vicarage, and much of God's presence felt. Immediately after it an anonymous donor sent a 50*l.* note to the Rev. D. McAnally as a jubilee thankoffering for the general fund of the C.M.S., with the text appended, "Freely ye have received, freely give." God be praised for this, and for all the manifest tokens of His blessing upon our services and meetings! We concluded them with a general meeting in the schoolroom, where we had assembled each day, and a larger and more enthusiastic gathering than ever came together. The feeling, I think, in all hearts was one of praise to God for the F.S.M. Many were evidently quickened by them in their own souls; and I have no doubt that they will bear fruit in greater devotion to Jesus, and to His cause in connection with foreign Missions. We must have had fully 300 present at our last meeting. The Lord is with us of a truth! We have had three delightful gatherings—the first in St. John's church, when the Rev. J. B. Crozier struck the right note by preaching from St. Matthew ix. 2, on Intercessory Prayer: "When He saw their faith." The second gathering was that of the various mothers' meetings of our parishes, at which we had the great pleasure of listening to the deeply interesting story of the U-Ganda Mission from the Rev. C. T. Wilson, and this evening we have had a warm, enthusiastic gathering of Church workers—a large

roomful—at which the Rev. E. Sampson spoke on self-consecration, followed by Mr. Johnstone Bourne. The local clergy were present from all the four churches of Penge, the Rev. T. S. Scott presiding in the afternoon, and the Rev. D. McAnally in the evening; the Revs. S. Hutchinson, M. Merrikin, Keightley, and Moeran also taking part in the proceedings. The feeling of all, I think, is, God be praised for the F.S.M., for there has been the felt presence of Him amongst us.

D. McANALLY.

Anerley.—Here has been a decided success. On Friday night Mr. Sampson closed his work, and he evidently appeared highly gratified with the warm interest taken in the cause he has been advocating. At each successive meeting the number of attendants increased, so that on Friday there was no standing-room left, and many, in fact all, were sorry when it was time to separate. Never have I seen such warm, such lively interest taken in anything going on day by day for a week. It turned out a good plan to have the services at the different churches.

R. EUSDEN.

CLAPHAM DEANERY.

At a meeting at the Conference Hall, Clapham, on Tuesday night Mr. Whiting spoke. I had been asked to speak on "The young in heathen lands," but the arrangements were changed. The Rev. R. Maplesden, of Ongol, a Telugu missionary of the Boston American Baptist Society, gave a brief, telling address.

HENRY SEELEY.

At 9 p.m. an address to young women in business was given at the Y.W.C.A. Institute by Mrs. Dorin, member of the Ladies' Union.

K. J. BOYSON.

The public meeting on Thursday evening, held in Clapham Hall, was most encouraging. The room was filled from end to end, and a considerable number of men were present. The Archdeacon of Southwark presided. After hymn and prayer, the Archdeacon made a few brief introductory remarks, giving a solemn, fervent tone to the proceedings. The first address was given by Col. C. Stewart, C.M.G., who, in an interesting account of the Persian Missions, referred to the strange and touching story of the Babis and their martyr leaders. The story of his own personal adventures as a disguised Mohammedan horse-dealer both amused and instructed; and his testimony to the marvellous change effected at Julfa and elsewhere by the labours of Dr. Bruce and Miss Reid, as witnessed by himself at his second visit to Persia, was a triumphant answer to the assertion as to the failure of missionary efforts. The Rev. E. Lombe followed with a very telling speech, full of missionary information from his apparently exhaustless supply. The Archdeacon then closed with one of the most terse and exquisitely worded addresses ever given on a missionary platform. Throughout the meeting was evidently pervaded by a spirit of serious interest; the singing was very hearty, the prayer fervent, and, altogether, we had cause to thank God and take courage. Copies of the *Gleaner* were distributed at the doors.

G. FORRESTER.

Brixton : Loughborough Park and Streatham Hill.—Allied Churches and Incumbents: St. John's Angell Town, Rev. C. J. R. Cooke; St. Paul's, Brixton, Rev. Dr. Concanon; St. Catherine's Loughborough Park, Rev. J. Roe; St. Saviour's, Herne Hill Road, Rev. L. T. Chavasse; St. Matthew's, Brixton, Rev. N. A. Garland; St. Jude's, Dulwich Road, Rev. R. B. Ransford; St. Saviour's, Brixton Hill, Rev. F. G. Sanders; St. Matthias', Tulse Hill, Rev. J. T. Gadsdun; Christ Church, Streatham Hill, Rev. W. Raven; St. Thomas's, Telford Park, Ven. Archdeacon Gibbs. At all these churches it was arranged that sermons should be preached at both morning and evening service on Sunday, February 6th, urging the claims of the Heathen and Mohammedan upon the Church of Christ. Taking the *British Weekly* religious census as a basis of calculation, this would mean that the subject was twice brought before assemblies of at least 5500 persons, and the Sunday's work would be by far the most important of the week. The chief meeting was held at the Gresham Hall, when the chair was taken by the Rev. N. A. Garland, for now more than thirty years the vicar of St. Matthew's, Brixton, and a warm friend of Missions. Few were aware, however,

of a fact which came out in his opening speech, viz., that forty years ago he had offered himself to the C.M.S. for work in the North-West Provinces of India. Colonel Stewart, C.M.G., spoke very forcibly of the desperate need of earnest effort, if the tide of Mohammedanism now setting over Central Asia and Central Africa is to be stayed. Cheering as it was to hear of the willingness of the Mohammedan women, especially, to hear the Gospel, the general impression left by his speech was a sense of our shortcoming and even blood-guiltiness in not having done more to spread the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, an impression that was deepened by the address of the Rev. W. T. Storrs, late missionary to the Santals. One was shocked to hear of the Gond Mission; of the application for baptism made (now twenty years ago) by one of that race and of Mr. Champion's sorrowful refusal; and then, in turn, of the same applicant's refusal to accept Christ, addressed lately to Mr. Williamson: "I would then have become a Christian; I cannot now. All my friends have become Hindus." Mr. Joseph Moore, jun., closed with an earnest and weighty appeal. The number present at the meeting was not more than 300, which must be pronounced lamentably small. On Tuesday a good meeting was held at Christ Church Schoolroom, Streatham Hill, when the chair was taken by A. G. Beebe, Esq. The speakers were Canon Money, E. Shipton, Esq., and E. M. Wimperis, Esq., R.I. Mr. Wimperis was especially happy in the illustrations he brought to bear upon the topic of Missions, and altogether the meeting, though not very large, was felt to be a success. On Wednesday a special united service was held at St. Matthew's, Brixton, when Bishop Cheetham preached to a congregation of about two hundred and fifty. The night was very cold. On Thursday afternoon a good congregation assembled at St. Jude's Church, Dulwich Road, and was addressed by the Rev. H. W. Webb-Peploe, who preached a very earnest and forcible sermon. Mr. Webb-Peploe spoke strongly of the selfishness of Christians who are always getting, getting, getting "good," but who never give out any. He spoke at length, and rapidly, and, as was felt, "in demonstration of the Spirit and of power." A very deep impression was made. The evening meeting at St. Paul's Parochial Room, Ferndale Road, was small, but there was a thoroughly good tone to the proceedings. Dr. Concanon took the chair, and insisted on the missionary function of the Church as necessary to her life, whose Head is Jesus, the Great Apostle of our profession. Mr. Wimperis combated earnestly the various objections commonly raised against Missions, and the Rev. William T. Storrs gave an impassioned spiritual address which deeply touched all who heard it. Nothing could have been more worthy of the occasion. And Mr. W. E. Shipton, who was to follow, declined doing so, on the ground that he would not hazard saying anything which might lessen the effect of Mr. Storrs' speech. On Friday, an afternoon service for the young at St. Saviour's, Brixton Hill, was well attended. Mr. Storrs preached. In the evening, a devotional meeting at St. Matthew's schools, Brixton, was addressed by Messrs. Shipton and Wimperis, and Rev. W. T. Storrs. The sermon to young men was preached by the Rev. W. J. Smith, at St. Matthew's Church, on Sunday, 13th. On the whole, the attendances in this district have been small. Interest in Missions is evidently not wide-spread, certainly not general; nevertheless, the spirit of nearly every meeting has been really excellent. The result of all shall yet be seen to be well worth all that has been put forth. There has been energetic effort, that is clear: such effort brings its own reward. To have one's heart warmed with some fresh beam of the Saviour's love; to catch some fresh glimpse of the Saviour's glory; to be strengthened with some fresh conviction of His coming triumph,—this is payment in full, even for much service.

R. B. RANSFORD.

Clapham Park : All Saints'.—On Sunday there were sermons by the Vicar, and in the afternoon to children by the Curate. We gave the offertory and contents of alms-boxes to C.M.S., 7*l.* 9*s.* 1*d.*; not bad after a collection on January 23rd of 29*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.* On Monday the address to the mothers' meeting was by a lady; the audience much interested. We invited the congregation to the meeting at eight, and had a good roomful, chiefly of the working classes. Mr. Lombe was very attentively listened to. Result:—Eleven persons paid for and ordered the *Gleaner* regularly; twenty-one persons bought a February *Gleaner*; three persons ordered the *Intelligencer*; and one person became a subscriber. No collection or request for

subscriptions was made. On Wednesday, Mr. Streatfield, Vicar of Emmanuel, preached to a fair week-night congregation. On February 10th a good drawing-room meeting was held at our local treasurer's (C. Alcock, Esq.). Mr. Lombe gave the address. We sold eleven February *Gleaners* and four *Intelligencers*, and six *Gleaners* have been ordered for the year, besides those on Monday. We are hoping to raise 1000*l.* for you. Four gentlemen on whom I have called, with myself, have promised 400*l.* between us, and in response to sermon on Sunday, 13th, another gift of 50*l.* was promised. So I hope this part of Clapham may prove true to its old love.

A. G. GIRDLESTONE.

Clapham: St. James and St. Paul.—On Sunday, February 6th, sermons with special reference to F.S.M. were delivered at all the services. The Rev. E. Lombe preached at the former in the morning, and in the latter to children in the afternoon. On Monday, February 7th, at 3 p.m., at St. Paul's Parochial Schools, an address was given to women of the working-class by Mrs. Tottenham. At eight o'clock the same schools were crowded, principally by people of the poorer classes, to hear the C.M. Service of Song. The Rev. G. Forrester, in an introductory speech, explained the object of the F.S.M. A public meeting was held in All Saints' schoolroom; addressed by Rev. E. Lombe. On Wednesday afternoon a drawing-room meeting was held at Ravensworth, Clapham Park, addressed by the Rev. E. Lombe. There was evening service, with missionary sermon, at St. James's and St. Paul's churches. In the latter, Mr. Lombe delivered a most impressive sermon from Rev. v. 6—10.

K. J. B.

——— **St. James.**—On Tuesday a crowded drawing-room meeting was held at the house of the Rev. W. H. Barlow. Mr. Lombe gave an address, in which he urged the importance of systematic reading about the work, and of following the C.M.S. Cycle of Prayer in private and at family worship.

K. J. B.

The service on Wednesday evening was not very largely attended, but the body of the church was fairly well filled. Those who came were privileged to listen to a very able and earnest discourse by the Rev. E. Lombe, based on part of Rev. v. The leading idea of the address was "The Redeemed, who they are and how they became so." The preacher very happily illustrated his subject by missionary facts, culled from many a field.

F. FORRESTER.

——— **St. Paul.**—On Sunday, special missionary sermons were preached at all the services. In the afternoon Mr. Lombe gave an address to the young, who filled the church. In the evening the missionary "Service of Song," compiled by Mrs. Barlow, attracted an overflowing audience. The sketch of missionary work, so compactly compressed in the "Service," evidently supplied fresh ideas of the extent, reality, and success of the Society's labours to the hearers, who have little leisure for reading missionary reports.

G. FORRESTER.

——— A drawing-room meeting was held on Friday, at 8 p.m., at the house of the Rev. G. Forrester. About 100 people were present, and the room was filled to overflowing. All seemed deeply interested in the address of the Rev. E. Lombe. The Rev. G. Forrester asked any who were willing to help in connection with the Local Association of the C.M.S., to send in their names. Papers about the *Gleaners'* and *Ladies' Unions* were distributed.

K. J. BOYSON.

A drawing-room meeting was held on Friday evening at St. Paul's Lodge, Clapham. The room was packed with an appreciative and sympathetic audience, amongst whom was a very considerable section of men, especially young men. Over a hundred were present. A donation of 50*l.* from a friend was announced at the meeting.

G. FORRESTER.

Dulwich, West: Emmanuel.—Sermons were preached here on Sunday, February 6th.

On Monday afternoon an address was given to the mothers' meeting by Mrs. Durrant, mother of the C.M.S. missionary at Lucknow.

HUGH J. D. ASTLEY.

On Monday I went to Dulwich to take a mothers' meeting for Mrs. Eglinton there, in Mr. Rae's parish: a delightful gathering; the ladies had worked it up so well; over forty mothers present, to whom the subject seemed quite new. I think many will get boxes, and begin to work.

E. DURRANT.

Gipsy Hill : Christ Church.—The work of this week in this neighbourhood was begun by sermons in the church by the parochial clergy, and by an address to the mothers' meeting in the schoolroom on Monday afternoon by Major-General Van Heythuysen, one of the Deputation from the Parent Society. The number present gave the meeting a warm and hearty appearance. The result for the Society was 22*l*. The service on Wednesday morning was largely attended, and a most impressive sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Peacocke. The offerings in the boxes at the close of the service amounted to 7*l*. A meeting of young people was held on Thursday afternoon in the schoolroom, and was largely attended. The Vicar (the Rev. R. Allen), in his opening remarks, dwelt on the influence young people may exercise for the missionary cause, and stated that the Gipsy Hill Juvenile C.M. Association contributed over 50*l*. to the Society, including some 15*l*. from the Sunday-schools. General Van Heythuysen gave an address full of interesting anecdotes. Canon Peacocke spoke of what can be done by the earnest efforts of little people in the C.M.S. cause, and instanced the case of his own parish, where the Juvenile Association contributed but 14*l*. some years ago, but now gives 128*l*., a truly magnificent sum. In the evening the general meeting was held, when the large schoolroom was full, from 350 to 400 people being present, and the attention of all was earnest and deep throughout the proceedings, which lasted quite two hours. Addresses were delivered by the afternoon speakers. As a result of these two meetings some 10*l*. was collected, and new annual subscribers to the Society were obtained. A drawing-room meeting was held on Friday afternoon at Rosetta, Church Road, by the kind permission of Mrs. Megan. The meeting was a large one, and was addressed by Major-General Van Heythuysen, who closed an eloquent speech with an appeal to the ladies to give themselves to Mission work, instead of wasting their powers at home. General Brownlow also spoke, followed by Canon Peacocke. A collection of 10*l*. 17*s*. was made at the close. A final thanksgiving meeting was held on Saturday. The address was given by the Rev. R. Allen on "Encouragements to be derived from a comparison of the past and present of the C.M.S." HUGH J. D. ASTLEY.

We have had a very good time in this neighbourhood. I think all feel that God was with us, and that a blessing has been poured out upon us. I had the privilege of addressing nine meetings. H. VAN HEYTHUYSEN.

Norwood, Lower : St. Luke.—Sermons were preached here on Sunday, Feb. 6th, by the parochial clergy.

On Tuesday evening a general meeting was held in the schoolroom. The proceedings were hearty and enthusiastic. HUGH J. D. ASTLEY.

On Wednesday evening the Rev. R. Allen was the preacher. The congregation was not large, but we feel that it is the beginning of a greater interest in C.M.S. work. General Van Heythuysen conducted a Bible-class for young women which is held every Wednesday afternoon in the schoolroom, Woodland Hill. There was an attendance of about thirty-five, and several members became subscribers to the *C.M. Gleaner*. HUGH J. D. ASTLEY.

The services and meetings have all been well attended, and it is hoped a good deal of interest and missionary zeal has been aroused.

Norwood, South : St. Mark.—A special service was held in this church on Friday evening, February 11th : preacher, Rev. C. T. Wilson, late missionary from U-Ganda.

KENNINGTON DEANERY.

Lambeth, South : All Saints.—The congregation on Wednesday evening was more than the Vicar expected—very good indeed ; most attentive.

WILLIAM G. MALLETT.

— On Thursday a meeting was held in the Parochial Hall, addressed by the Rev. F. W. Dodd.

Albert Square, St. Stephen's; with Christ Church, North Brixton.—Sermons were preached here on the 6th by the parochial clergy.

About 200 present at a meeting in Christ Church parish-room. The tone was good, and much interest was aroused. J. S. PRATT.

———— On the Monday the Rev. Eardley Wilmot, of Bath, and Mr. Clarence Roberts addressed a large meeting at Christ Church Parochial-room, Canon Hussey, the Vicar, being in the chair.

———— At the Wednesday evening service at Christ Church a fairly good congregation. People interested. J. S. PRATT.

Kennington: St. Mark.—The Rev. Eardley Wilmot was the preacher on Tuesday night. About 450 were present. A most attentive congregation. J. S. PRATT.

LAMBETH DEANERY.

On Sunday, after sermon by Rev. Dr. McCann, at the Victoria Hall, Waterloo Road, it being our monthly prayer-meeting, we remembered the F. S. Meetings, and I spoke to the people about them. NEALE F. HORNE.

Lambeth: St. Mary.—On Thursday evening the Rev. Eardley Wilmot was the preacher here for the Rural Deanery. There were about 250 present. Interested. Sermon admirable. J. S. PRATT.

———— **St. Andrew.**—On Monday, the communicants of this church listened to an earnest and practical address, emphasizing missionary claims, by the Rev. P. E. S. Holland, Vicar of Hoddesdon. There was an encouraging attendance. On Tuesday, the Rev. J. P. Hobson, Vicar of Stanstead Abbots, Herts, gave an able description of God's work in heathen lands, and the need of fresh sympathy and effort, to a good audience, at the schools, Roupell Street. On Wednesday, 9th, a sermon on intercessory prayer was preached by the Vicar, in which the need of fervent supplication on behalf of missionary work was enjoined. The Rev. G. E. Asker gave a lecture, illustrated by diagrams, to children, on God's work in Timnevelly. On Thursday, a lecture to young men was delivered by the Vicar, on "The Life and Labours of Bishop Hannington." On Friday, the F.S.M. in St. Andrew's were concluded by a devotional meeting. Sermons for the C.M.S. were preached in the church on Sunday, February 13th.

TREVOR FIELDER.

NEWINGTON DEANERY.

Newington: St. Andrew.—There was a good attendance on Sunday, and an increased offertory for the C.M.S.; also a special one from the Sunday-school. On Monday a gathering in the schoolroom was addressed by G. A. King, Esq. Capital meeting; about 300 present. L. G. E. TROUSDALE.

———— **St. Matthew's.**—God was graciously with us last night; the first missionary meeting here. There were about ninety present, and no less than sixteen applied for C.M.S. boxes. It is a poor parish, but three people gave an annual subscription of one shilling each at the close of the meeting. All seemed stirred, and I trust there will be great results from a very small gathering.

EDGAR N. THWAITES, Rector of Fisherton, Salisbury.

Walworth: St. Paul.—On Sunday, February 6th, sermons were preached here by the parochial clergy, and on Wednesday evening a united service was held. Preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon Bardsley.

Walworth Common: St. Stephen.—Sermons were preached here on Sunday, February 6th, by the parochial clergy. On Monday evening a public meeting was addressed by the Rev. Canon Scott.

SOUTHWARK DEANERY.

Southwark: St. Saviour.—Sermons were preached by the clergy of this church on Sunday, February 6th.

On Monday I addressed the mothers' meeting at 3 p.m. There were about fifty present.

NEALE F. HORNE.

———— Here the work was small. The congregation was the ordinary Thursday evening one, consisting of about 100 people, almost all very poor. They wanted simple meat, but I tried to bring home to them the claims of the heathen, and to put before them that their poverty did not shut them out from many ways of helping on the blessed work.

H. C. MILWARD.

On Friday night an aggregate service was held in this historic church, at which the Lord Bishop of Rochester delivered an eloquent sermon.

Bermondsey: St. James.—A large and devout gathering assembled at the devotional missionary meeting, on Saturday, February 5th, to hear addresses by the Revs. W. Allan (Vicar) and J. Farren (Congregational Minister). On Sunday there was preached an introductory sermon, in the morning, by the Vicar, from Rev. xiv. 6; in the evening, by the Rev. A. Atkinson, on "Watchman, what of the night?" On Monday there were two meetings of women in the afternoon, and a good attendance. Address by the Rev. C. E. R. Romilly, in New Church Street Mission-rooms; also in the St. James's Mission-rooms, by the Rev. G. A. Ormsby, Vicar of St. Stephen's, Walworth. A third meeting took place in the evening, with address by the Rev. R. Lang, C.M.S. Sec. Room full. Much interest was evident.

W. ALLAN.

———— There has been a capital meeting of Band of Hope children, addressed by Mr. Pericles Green, who also took a meeting of adults later in the evening. Each gathering a great success. A large meeting of Bermondsey Sunday-school teachers was addressed by the Revs. W. J. Smith and G. A. Ormsby. Much interest is taken in the speeches. May the Holy Spirit seal home the truths brought forward!

———— On Wednesday evening St. James's Church was the rallying-point for a very large gathering of the friends of the C.M.S. in Bermondsey and Rotherhithe. There were very powerful and interesting sermons by Bishop Alford and the Rev. J. E. Brenan, Vicar of Christ Church, Ramsgate.

———— Thank God for a most successful meeting at the Children's Scripture Union on Thursday, addressed by Mr. Lillingstone. The mission-room was packed. The speaker said it was the best missionary meeting for children he had ever addressed. He afterwards spoke at our young men's meeting. It was indeed a happy time.

Other meetings followed, and on Sunday the anniversary C.M.S. sermons were preached, morning, afternoon, and evening, by the Rev. J. W. Marshall, Vicar of St. John's, Blackheath, the Rev. Ll. Lloyd, C.M.S. missionary from China, and the Rev. Burman Cassin, Rector of St. George's, Southwark, while on Monday afternoon a sale of work for the benefit of the Society was opened at 3 p.m. in the St. James's Mission-rooms by Mr. A. Lafone, M.P.

Southwark: St. George the Martyr.—The Rev. Burman Cassin, M.A., Rector, arranged to have the following services and meetings, from Monday, February 7th, to Sunday, the 13th:—Special missionary addresses were given at the mothers' meeting and prayer-meeting on Monday, the mothers' meeting and Gospel service on Tuesday, the Young Men's Institute on Thursday, the Gospel service on Friday, and the girls' class on Saturday. On Wednesday a central service for Southwark was conducted by the Rector; Prebendary Cadman preaching the sermon. On Sunday, the 13th, the anniversary sermons were preached—that in the morning by the Rector, the afternoon by the Rev. J. W. Marshall, and the evening by the Rev. Wm. Allan. On Sunday, the 6th, the Rev. B. Cassin preached special missionary sermons, taking as the basis of his discourse the paper issued by the C.M.S. comparing the number of heathen with Christians of all denominations, and the amount of the food and drink bill in England with that given to Mission work.

———— **St. Luke.**—On Sunday sermons were preached here by the parochial clergy. A meeting took place here on the Monday, addressed by A. B. Pite, Esq.

Southwark : St. Paul.—A sermon was preached here on the Sunday, and a meeting on Monday. Speaker, the Rev. C. F. Warren, missionary from Japan.

———— **St. Peter.**—Sermons were preached here on Sunday morning and evening, by the Revs. S. H. Johnson and the Vicar, after which collections were taken for C.M.S. On Monday evening about three hundred people assembled to hear a lecture by the Rev. C. C. McArthur, illustrated by magic-lantern views.

WM. A. CORBETT.

———— The Rev. W. A. Corbett (Vicar) presided on Monday evening, and gave an address, followed by the Rev. C. C. McArthur, who illustrated his speech by means of magic-lantern slides. A crowded audience, who seemed much interested. Collection good.

B. MORRIS.

ARCH-DIOCESE OF CANTERBURY.

EAST DARTFORD DEANERY.

Sidcup : Christ Church.—Sermons were preached on the Sunday. Addressed an afternoon meeting, and preached on Wednesday. Attendance good.

J. SEAVER.

WEST DARTFORD DEANERY.

The Parochial Mission previously fixed by the Archbishop occupied this Deanery.

CROYDON DEANERY.

Addiscombe : St. Mary Magdalene.—The meetings were inaugurated in this parish on Sunday, the 5th, by special sermons. On Sunday afternoon, missionary addresses were given to the Sunday-school children. On Tuesday afternoon a drawing-room meeting was held at Romden, Havelock Road, when the Rev. J. Barton, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Cambridge, gave an eloquent address. Seventy-six ladies and gentlemen were present. On Wednesday afternoon the C.M.S. Juvenile Union amalgamated with that of St. Matthew's, and heard stirring words from the Rev. Henry Brass, of Redhill. In the evening a special missionary service was held, the Venerable Archdeacon Perowne preached. Although we have numerous parochial organizations, and are still hampered by debts on the church and schools, yet we are glad to note an increasing development in the missionary cause, which is in the vanguard of all other essential parochial charities.

H. A. SERRES.

Croydon : Parish Church.—At the Wednesday evening service the Rev. Canon Blenkin, Vicar of Boston, Lincolnshire, was the preacher.

———— **St. Matthew's.**—There were daily services here at 11.30. Addresses were delivered by the Revs. J. Barton, H. R. Blackett, J. E. Brenan, S. L. Dixon, and W. H. Langhorne.

———— Sermons were preached in several of the churches on Sunday, the 6th. The small Public Hall was well filled for the meeting at eight on Monday evening. The Vicar of Croydon, who presided, was supported by the Rev. H. R. Blackett, the Rev. T. L. N. Causton, Mr. G. Farquharson King, and the members of the deputation. A second public meeting was held on Thursday, when the speakers were the Rev. J. Barton and H. Gibson, Esq., and much interest attaches to three drawing-room meetings also held during the week.

On Thursday I went to Mr. Causton's at East Croydon, where we had two meetings. The first was a drawing-room one in the house of a lady who lives outside Mr. Causton's district, but who is deeply interested in missionary work, and was anxious to do what she could to assist in the good work. This meeting was a success, the room being filled, and many attending who would not be found at the other meetings. Mr. Barton, of Cambridge, spoke. The people seemed interested and were very attentive. In the evening there was a meeting in a hall

near to Mr. Causton's, at which there was a nice attendance. Mr. Blackett and myself were the speakers, and we trust, by God's blessing, we were enabled to cheer and encourage the workers. The feeling in my own mind is that these meetings under God *must* be productive of good. The very fact of members of the Committee being brought face to face with the friends and supporters of the Society is calculated to confer mutual benefit upon both speakers and hearers, not only in the way of bringing us together, but of making us feel how we are all banded in one common cause. I met with a most kind reception by the friends with whom I stayed, and I thought it a privilege to be the guest of such warm-hearted supporters of our Society, and I felt, too, that in rendering such help as I could in the good work I was abundantly repaid by a realized presence of our Divine Head in our meetings, and by the fellowship which I had with those who had evidently spared no pains to make them a success, and whose earnest prayer it is that God may give a large blessing upon their efforts, so that there may be real and permanent results manifested amongst their people. H. GIBSON.

The meetings have been well attended, particularly the drawing-room ones, which were arranged to take place in the four quarters of the town. The whole movement seems to have taken much the same course as is generally observable in a parochial mission. The workers in the cause have been stimulated to increased earnestness and activity. We know not whether any of those who were hitherto altogether indifferent have been reached, or whose hearts the Lord has touched by His holy Spirit, but many ladies have been called together, who have left circulars and papers from house to house, so that information on the subject has been very widely spread. This band of workers, some sixty in number, will not disperse, but will be ready for future action, meeting periodically for prayer and for further organization. We have been most thankful to the kind friends who have spoken and preached for us. The addresses in every case, without an exception, were such as were desired, earnest and spiritual. The course of sermons in St. Matthew's Church were most useful. The subjects, illustrated fully from foreign missionary work, were: (1) The Master's Command; (2) The Pressing Need; (3) The Divine Power; (4) The Personal Call; (5) The Great Privilege. The interest in these addresses was great, and they were every one delivered extempore, and with power. We thank God for them. We have had our disappointments and discouragements, but we are sure of this, that the great subject has been brought prominently, earnestly, and faithfully before thousands in Croydon. It will not do, I think, to repeat this effort at present, but it must be followed up by persevering and personal labour. Four branches of organization must be steadily worked, viz.: (1) Canvassing from house to house for annual subscriptions; (2) Juvenile associations and the distribution of boxes; (3) Domestic servant associations; (4) Working-class associations; and in all cases, full and free information given.

T. L. N. CAUSTON, Vicar of St. Matthew's; Hon. Dist. Sec., Croydon.

One of the features of the work in Croydon was the number of drawing-room meetings, no less than four having been held.

"I am sure that we may thank God, and take courage for all the meetings we have hitherto had." Such are Mrs. Causton's words in a letter to us on Tuesday evening, and we quite endorse them. On February 4th prayer-meeting good, and the attendance encouraging. On Sunday there were large congregations at St. Matthew's. On Monday, Mr. Dixon, Vicar of St. George's, Worthing, preached a most telling sermon at the 11.30 service. In the afternoon a drawing-room meeting was held, at which there were 130 present. Very earnest spiritual addresses were delivered by Rev. J. Barton and H. Morris, Esq.; Mr. Causton in the chair. In the evening we had another large meeting. All seemed really interested, and we feel very thankful. The Wednesday morning congregation was very good. The subject of sermon was "The Divine Power," by the Rev. W. H. Langhorne. At the afternoon meeting for children, the room was full—about 160 present. Mr. Brass, of Red Hill, was the principal speaker. The evening service at St. Matthew's had a fair congregation. The Rev. W. R. Blackett preached an earnest sermon on 2 Thes. iii. 1. Wonderfully large congregations at

Addiscombe on Wednesday night. Eloquent sermon from Archdeacon Perowne, whose name attracted many who would not otherwise have gone. A friend who was present, writes to us, "I wish all Croydon could have heard the wonderful words. My sister and I felt overflowing with thankfulness for such a sermon." At West Croydon there was a crowded drawing-room meeting. Mr. Barton, as usual, spoke from heart to heart, and Mr. Gibson chose, "I am full of power by the Spirit of the Lord," as the groundwork of his address. Mr. Brennan, at St. Matthew's, very impressive. M. R. GEDGE.

Another correspondent writes:—"The week to which we had looked forward with such interest has come and gone, and our hearts are very full of thankfulness and praise for the large and happy gatherings, for the stirring, striking, spiritual sermons and addresses, *all* of which without exception were to the point, and cannot fail to be productive of lasting good. Much prayer was offered, both before and during the mission. Mothers' meetings, Band of Hope, Young Women's Christian Association meetings, servants' and other Bible-classes,—all had special addresses, in addition to the larger gatherings in the churches and Public Hall."

SPECIAL AND NON-PAROCIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

At the Church Missionary House, on Monday, 7th, at 4 p.m., there was a meeting for all speakers, preachers, and organizers, with address by Bishop of Rochester. Daily prayer-meetings were held at noon on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday; and on Saturday there was a special thanksgiving meeting.

At Sion College, Thames Embankment, on Friday, 11th, at 4.30 p.m., there was a meeting for city men. Speakers: S. A. Blackwood, Esq., C.B., Archdeacon Bardsley, &c. About sixty or seventy were present. Sir John Kennaway in the chair: stirring addresses from Archdeacon Bardsley and Mr. S. Blackwood. Mr. Lang read a portion of Scripture, and the Rev. George Everard offered prayer.

At a meeting of the Bankers' Prayer Union, Metal Exchange, Leadenhall Street, on Wednesday, at 6.30 p.m., addresses were given by the Revs. H. W. Webb-Peploe and W. E. Burroughs, and Mr. Eugene Stock.

Of the Meetings for Young Men, reports have come to hand:—

The Church of England Young Men's Society held a meeting at "The Leopold" on Wednesday. Mr. Baron Pollock was in the chair, and the Rev. W. E. Burroughs, Col. Morton, R. A. White, Esq., and another, were the speakers. Marked attention; great enthusiasm.

The Young Men's Christian Association held meetings at Exeter Hall; Aldersgate Street. At Exeter Hall, from the 7th to 11th, there was a prayer-meeting each day at noon. Speakers: Rev. J. Piper, W. Blakeney, Esq., Rev. L. Nicholson, Rev. H. C. Milward, and General Noble; and on Friday evening, the Rev. R. P. Ashe and the Rev. J. A. Faithfull. On the evening of the 11th, the Rev. R. P. Ashe delivered an address. At Aldersgate Street there was a noon prayer-meeting each day. Speakers: General Brownlow, Canon Money, Rev. M. D. Dimond-Churchward, W. Blakeney, Esq., and Rev. J. Seaver.

Presided over by Sir T. Fowell Buxton, a meeting was held on the 8th, at the Burlington Hall, of the members of the Bible Union, which consists of young men and women in houses of business. The meeting was addressed by the Rev. W. E. Burroughs.

On Wednesday another meeting was held, the Rev. E. A. Stuart being chairman: and on Thursday the Rev. H. W. Webb-Peploe.

On Thursday, at Newington Causeway, a meeting of the Members' Union was addressed by the Rev. W. E. Burroughs.

Dr. Whittington and I took the prayer-meeting on Monday in St. Peter's Vestry, Cornhill. In all, fifteen were present, and I trust the Master also.

JOHN GRITTON.

Good prayer-meeting on Tuesday. Above five and twenty business-men.

H. G. THWAITES, Newport, I. of W.

On Wednesday, at mid-day, there was a small but most earnest prayer-meeting. Special prayer was offered for India, on the lines suggested at Richmond by Mr. Baring-Gould. My own spirit has been richly refreshed already, and from the happy, earnest tone of our fellow-workers, I cannot but think that our Master has been present and will carry on His own work through this effort. If only we can carry a message to one or two hearts in each meeting, and lead them to know the *joy* of striving more than ever in this part of the Master's work, no trouble will have been thrown away.

ELIOT HOWARD.

The meeting was a great refreshment, and much as I enjoyed all the services, I think the greenest spot of all was this. There were about 100 present, and the attention and interest were very marked. I saw tears of sympathy in more than one man's eyes.

H. C. MILWARD.

At Exeter Hall on Friday, the Young Men's Christian Association meeting was most cheering. The earnestness of the prayers and the rapt attention of the people certainly seemed to give evidence that the Holy Spirit was in our midst.

H. HATT NOBLE.

In the evening there was a social gathering of the Y.M.C.A., convened by Mr. George Williams. A large number of visitors were present, among them being the Revs. Burman Cassin, J. M. West, J. Faithfull, Cameron Churchill, Mr. T. A. Denny, the Rev. Dr. Draper, Mr. W. H. Sea, Mr. L. Johnson (a coloured gentleman from Africa), and others. The Rev. R. P. Ashe, from U-Ganda, was one of the speakers. It was one of the brightest and most enthusiastic of the meetings that were held during the week. The hearts of the young men present seemed greatly moved.

THE THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT ST. PAUL'S.

For the first time, the Church Missionary Society has had a special service at St. Paul's Cathedral. Twice before, it has been there, but not in the same way. At the Society's Jubilee in 1848, Canon Dale, as Canon in residence, preached for the Society at the ordinary afternoon service on All Saints' Day; and in 1880, the Bishop of London held a special ordination for C.M.S. men only, at which Henry Wright preached the sermon. But for the Thanksgiving Service on Monday, February 14th, the Cathedral was distinctly lent to the Society by the Dean and Chapter, through the Rev. R. C. Billing, who is both Prebendary of St. Paul's and a leading member of the Society. The notice was very short. The service was only settled on a day or two before the "F.S.M." week began; and there were grave doubts whether there was time to organize it properly. But the arrangements were most kindly undertaken by Mr. G. Martin Tait, the Hon. Sec. of the Islington C.M. Association, and a leading member of the Lay Workers' Union, who has had previous experience with the Sunday School Institute's festival services; and all was carried out admirably. The result was a congregation that completely filled the dome and transepts, and reached some way down the nave. Many influential friends of the Society were present, including the Earl and Countess of Harrowby, Lady Kinnaird, Sir T. F. Buxton, Bart., and Mr. Abel Smith, M.P., and Mrs. Abel Smith. The number of clergy present was very large. The majority of them sat with the congregation; but about fifty, including many well-known C.M.S. friends, both from London and the country, brought their surplices, and joined in the procession. A body of fifty members of the C.M.S. Lay Workers' Union acted as stewards, and collected the offertory. The voluntary choir of the Association of Lay Helpers for the Diocese of London led the singing, which was most hearty and congregational throughout. The hymns were, "The people that in darkness sat," "All people that on earth

do dwell," "O Lord of heaven and earth and sea," and "Hark, the sound of holy voices." The special Psalms were the 2nd, the 97th, and the 145th, and the special Lessons, read by Canon Green and Prebendary Billing, were Isa. lii., and Rev. vii. 9-17. The service was taken by Minor Canon Russell. The Bishop of Rochester's noble sermon is appended. The collection was 90%, the largest ever known at an evening service in St. Paul's.

Many and fervent are the expressions of satisfaction and thankfulness which we have heard regarding this memorable service. It was a fitting ending to a week of rich and abundant blessing. It was emphatically a service of praise and thanksgiving; and praise and thanksgiving we owe indeed to our great and gracious God for the whole wonderful "F.S.M." week.

THE BISHOP OF ROCHESTER'S SERMON.

"Whence should we have so much bread in the wilderness, as to fill so great a multitude?
And Jesus saith unto them, How many loaves have ye?"—*Matt.* xv. 33, 34.

The sight of a great multitude variously impresses the human mind. We all know of the Persian king, whose sentimental tears were stirred by the vast host defiling past him on their way to conquer Greece. One of the greatest of living preachers (as he himself told me) surveying for the first time from this place the great concourse of worshippers, was so awed by it, he could think of nothing else but the judgment day—that for a moment, his text and sermon and self-possession utterly forsook him. To the disciples came a feeling of helplessness. "Whence should we have so much bread in the wilderness, as to fill so great a multitude?" In Christ it stirred an immense pity. "Then Jesus called His disciples unto Him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with Me now three days, and have nothing to eat; and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint by the way."

The transition from the scene of that distant miracle to the magnificent enterprise which is in all our hearts to-night is quick and reasonable. At the instance of one of our missionary societies, one which most Churchmen respect and many love, some of us have been for a week past discussing the principles, analyzing the motives, widening the hopes, inviting the intercession of all, who, because Christ is dear to them, and the world dear to Christ, feel that woe is unto them if they spread not the Gospel. So reasonable a thing is it, that the only wonder is we did not think of it sooner; so cheering is the promise of the good likely to spring from it, that already the question occurs, When shall it be renewed? In no selfish thought for her own aggrandisement, in no greedy monopoly of resources or sympathy for her special labours, has the Church Missionary Society bidden her friends to their knees. Surely, nowhere is selfishness more unnatural, or more sordid, than in our common battlefield with heathendom. On all who are truly labouring for the faith of the Gospel, and for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom, our prayer goes up to-night that a new Pentecost may come.

The two points of the text, the disciples' perplexity, and the Master's direction, precisely cover the field we have to traverse now. "Whence should we have so much bread in the wilderness, as to fill so great a multitude?" The disciples felt themselves in the presence of a multitude needing and claiming at their hands what it seemed impossible for them to bestow—and so do we, musing helplessly, almost hopelessly, over a Christless world. The

total computation of the inhabitants of the globe is put by some at over fourteen hundred millions. Of these, 856 millions are Heathen, 170 millions Mohammedan; and thirty millions die every year. These multitudes need salvation, and salvation, I take it, is a right relation to Christ. But how can they hear without a preacher? How can one preach except he be sent? Can any words describe their need better than those of the inspired hymn, "Knowledge of salvation, for the remission of their sins; light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide their feet into the way of peace"?

China—thrifty, industrious, highly educated, infinitely interesting, absorbed in its material life—is now thrown open to the Cross. India is beginning to move and tremble under the sound of the holy feet walking to and fro among the golden candlesticks. Africa shall soon accept the faith which now it destroys. Japan is on the threshold, it may be, of accepting, what indeed an eminent English philosopher has not scrupled insolently to call a "ghost worship," but what honest thinking may presently discover to be but another instance of the survival of the fittest, in the best form of truth the world will ever see. And then there rises before us that terrible Mohammedanism, which in some phases of its history, and aspects of its creed, and developments of its activity, it is impossible not in a real fashion to respect, and even admire. We are face to face with its aggressive and fierce arrogance in every corner of our great empire. If, like our own faith, it has had its corruptions and decays; if, unlike our own faith, it despises knowledge and forbids inquiry, and scouts toleration, and crushes rivalry—it at least does not take strong drink and gunpowder in one hand and its Bible in the other. Its disciples have a belief in their God, and in their faith, and in their responsibility for propagating it, and a resolution to stop at nothing in making it a world-wide religion, that we timid, feeble, lukewarm Christians may perhaps be thankful to learn. Many of these people are our fellow-subjects; with others of them we trade and carry on affairs; in the true sense of our Lord's parable, they are our neighbours, falling in our way, and really, if dumbly, claiming our help. If Christ is the Saviour of the world, He must be their Saviour. If His final command to preach the Gospel in all the world to every creature has never been fulfilled, it has never been repealed!

No doubt we have our heathen at home—who denies it? And they need the Gospel—who refuses it? But the shameful neglect of a past duty is no excuse for the cheap evasion of a present one. When the three men besought St. Peter at Joppa to open the door of faith to the Gentiles, all the Jewish people had not received the Word of God. The enthusiasm for Home Missions, which so curiously manifests itself in protesting hotly against Foreign Missions, is usually an enthusiasm of words.

Christ's direction was, "How many loaves have ye?" And of this sentence it has been strikingly observed that it is characteristic of the way in which all Christ's nature was wont to move together at once. In us, first this moral quality starts into life, and then that; but seldom together, seldom so as to balance and equipoise all the forces of the soul in a just relation. We have our impulses of benevolence, which are often unwise, and our instincts of prudence, which are occasionally sordid. When the heart is in movement, the judgment too often is asleep. But Christ felt and thought, pitied and weighed at the same moment. He never did mischief by His benevolence, because His judgment was behind it. He never chilled by His discretion, for He ever reflected with His heart. The

direction itself is luminous with important principles for the duty we are thinking of to-day.

First, there is the instinct of sacrifice. These loaves, about which the Saviour inquired, were what the disciples had brought for their own use—a frugal, sparse, and homely provision. What they were invited to give away, they had the right, not unreasonably, to reserve for themselves. Not so, said the Lord. It is yours—to share with them. It may not go very far, but let it go as far as it can. You do your duty, and trust Me to do Mine. My brethren, does any one ask when the kingdom of Christ will really begin to grow? Let me tell him, Only when His Church becomes capable of sacrifices worthy of herself and of her Lord. Our responsibilities towards the heathen do not as yet in any real sense build themselves into the structure of our personal religious life. We have most of us no conscience for more than an occasional guinea, and a crown to an offertory. As for private or family intercession as a regular and privileged habit, not one in a hundred thinks of it. In the ten years ending 1882, one hundred and thirty-six millions of money has been annually spent in the United Kingdom on intoxicating liquors, and—it sounds incredible—one million and sixty thousand pounds for foreign missionary work. And it is a melancholy fact that in one-fourth of the churches in this wealthy metropolis no effort is made of any kind for either of our own missionary societies. Is it too much to say, that until a universal conscience is formed on this subject, the water of life can only ooze out in single, tedious drops—not flow with a rushing stream?

But another principle involved in our Lord's words is the duty of economy. Economy is patent everywhere in the dominion of nature, and it is to be a ruling principle in the activities of grace. Eminently it guided our Lord in the exercise of His supernatural power. What could have been easier than an imposing and dramatic display of angels descending with food from Heaven to feed these starving multitudes in a wilderness suddenly transformed into a garden of the Lord. What He did vouchsafe was, however, but the facile and quiet multiplication of those barley loaves, done so simply that perhaps most of those who partook of it never guessed that they had been divinely fed.

By economy we need not, indeed, propose that Spartan way of life which Edward Irving, in his famous missionary sermon, inculcated as a sort of divine law, to the surprise and perturbation of his hearers—but that carefully adjusted relation between end and means; that insight, which is foresight, in anticipating through first reflecting, which does not waste strength, nor anticipate Providence, nor refuse to retreat when the door is shut, nor decline, when circumstances call for it, to recognize and appreciate the efforts of other missionary bodies. Entire independence of action, with brotherly sympathy of spirit, are the true marks of strength and charity. The new Board of Missions may, in course of time, when thoroughly understood, and finally matured by tentative and careful action, be found a wise and helpful ally to our Church Mission work, sometimes by friendly arbitrament, sometimes by weighty invitation, always by holy sympathy, and by united prayer.

The sentence also contains the law of continuity, full of help and guidance for the Church of God. It is first of all the law of the individual life. In our opinions, in our characters, in the totality of our moral and intellectual and spiritual being, we are at the moment, all of us, the precise result of our previous life. We cannot get rid of anything

that has happened ; it is ours, to remain with us, to change, to affect future things. The present is ever coming out of the past. God teaches us by and out of what we have already learned. Each new adventure for either of our two worlds is the harvesting of some forgotten seed. As that great feast grew out of the scanty loaves and fishes, so the organization of this Society, and of all other missionary societies, have each had their germinal seed, and their normal growth, and their connected continuous history. All date their origin back to the distant day when the Holy Ghost said to the Church at Antioch, "Separate Me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." All inherit the traditions, and own the ancestry, and share the glory, and emulate the labours of Polycarp and Augustine, Boniface and Xavier, the Moravians among the snows of Labrador, the Jesuits, who for the pure love of Christ went back to the cruel Indians, facing the torture and the death for the simple joy of saving souls. The missionary atmosphere comes down to us all through the ages, and the missionary staff is passed on from hand to hand ; and Patteson and Hannington have met the confessors of Diocletian and of Nero among the noble army of martyrs. Ours is a succession, which is itself a triumphant evidence, not only that a living Church is serving a living Lord, but that the living Lord honours and uses us. We are not isolated, broken, units ; we are members of a great body, some of whom are on earth, some in heaven ; all of whom must overcome by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony, loving not their lives unto the death.

Once more, we see the beginning of faith. "How many loaves have ye ? Seven, and a few little fishes. And He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground." All great undertakings have grown out of tiny beginnings—grown often to the unspeakable surprise of those who first took them in hand. Henry Martyn, comforted in his solitariness by the prospect of all India turning to the Lord ; Carey, the poor, humble shoemaker, landing at Serampore ; Allen Gardiner in Patagonia ; Marsden in New Zealand,—were indeed, as St. Paul would call them, the foolishness of God in conflict with the wisdom of men. Yet they conquered ; and the world, which at first was not worthy of them, now reveres them with a kind of sacred awe. In fact, there are four stages in the history of Mission work—contempt, persecution, acquiescence, triumph ; and we are now in the third. Our duty is to obey our Master's orders, leaving the result with Him. As we obey, our efforts are blessed, our provision is multiplied ; we find ourselves fellow-workers with God ; the starving multitudes are nourished and satisfied with the bread of life. To each of us here to-day I think God says, "How many loaves have ye ?" Never mind how few, how humble, how small ! What loaves have you to give Me for the advancement of My kingdom, and for feeding the souls for which I died ? One gives money, another asks for it ; one gives knowledge ; one influence ; one experience ; some, best of all—best of all—themselves ; but all, the power of prayer. Only let us see what God asks of us, and what mankind needs of us, what the Church claims, and what the Advent will discover—and then, out of the touched and listening hearts of stirred thousands rivers of water will flow, to give life to the world.

In conclusion. In this great church of St. Paul, a name ever dear and glorious to us Christians of the Gentiles ; in this vast metropolis, where there must be tens of thousands and hundreds of thousands who know not God, it may be well briefly to indicate some of the real and blessed compensations wherewith Mission work, when deeply and spiritually done, rewards the Church of Christ. First, as has been beautifully observed, Foreign Missions

represent the heroic side of Christian effort, and thereby hold up before the imagination of both conscience and heart a lofty ideal of duty. We at home hold the fort, and the territory within its walls. They abroad sally out of the fort into the gloomy land still in the power of the wicked one, to win and keep it for Christ. Only a progressive, only an aggressive Christianity is a living one. "To stand still is to die."

Then how their enterprises stimulate us, and their successes exhilarate us, and their sacrifices put us to shame, and their necessities deepen our sympathy. This very afternoon, a letter, which has just been put into my hand, has been received from U-Ganda, from Mr. Mackay, who says, "By God's grace I shall hold on here, in the hope that gradually greater liberty will be allowed. Every day, or rather night, a number of people come for a little instruction." When their message triumphs, somehow we feel that ours, which is also theirs, is truer and stronger than we knew it to be. When they suffer for Christ, the question comes home to us—What is thine own cross-bearing? When they are called to die for Him, we only to live for Him, again the question comes—What is our living worth?

But above, and behind, and beneath all is the ever-growing accumulation of faith. What we all want is more faith; and we learn it from our Foreign Missions. "The river of God is full of water." "Why should it be thought an incredible thing with you that God should raise the dead?" Asked the Psalmist, in the time of old, "Behold, He smote the rock that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed. Can He give bread also? Can He give flesh for His people?" To all of which we say, Yea, O Lord. Not in methods, but in principles, must we live. "The methods of living are manifold: the principle of life is one—obedient communion with God."

For indeed I am not forgetting that one object of our meeting is to offer our praise to God. We have much to be thankful for, especially during the last fifty years. Income augmented threefold, 800 missionaries sent out, 190 stations planted, new countries occupied, eighteen bishoprics founded, communicants growing, men readily giving themselves, the Church becoming increasingly awake. Yet there may be reason to doubt if the deepest and truest ground of thankfulness to God is not for the simple fact that He has spared us for better things, instead of treating us as we deserved by taking our candlestick out of its place, when we suffered it not to shine as a light to the Gentiles, and a glory to His people Israel. The unspeakable patience of God with His own professing, slumbering, heartless, faithless people is to me, at least, a far greater mystery of mercy than His long-suffering with the heathen world. It is barely too much to say, that with the exception of occasional flickers of missionary enthusiasm, the Church of England has never appreciated the spiritual responsibility and privilege of Missions to the heathen until now, if indeed she does now. The humble and devoted Moravians have inspired us with their sublime devotion. When the Christian Knowledge Society commenced its beneficent labours, it was from Germany and Denmark, not from England, that her missionaries were found. To us comes the voice to-day, "Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."

My friends, you may be sure of this—with us, or without us, Christ will triumph. His Father has promised Him the inheritance of a redeemed Humanity; but in His unspeakable goodness He asks and claims and

permits that that priceless kingdom should be won by devotion of ours. Shall it be so? It is in your own power. If these gatherings of ours are to be something more than sounding brass or tinkling cymbals, they will mean doubled contributions, deepened sympathy, burning, pleading and passionate prayers. Nothing tests our personal love for Christ like an interest in Missions. If we love Him,—as we love Him, shall we long to give Him the souls for which He died. We are all in His presence to-night. He knows what we really mean—what is the secret wish of our hearts. He comes to each of us and looks at us, and gently asks us, “Do you really love Me?—then give Me the heathen for My inheritance and the utmost parts of the earth for My possession.”

Yes, and it shall be given Him, by some one! St. John, the only child of time who was permitted to see behind the veil, and to tell us of what he has seen, had a noble vision of a great multitude which no man could number, who had come out of great tribulation from every kindred and tongue and nation and people, and had washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. We began with a multitude, and we end with one. With the first you can have nothing to do; with the second you may have much to do. But the time for pity will have gone when the hour of judgment has struck. What the Father of Spirits will do with the heathen who have lived without Christ and died without Him, we will not ask; we cannot know; and it need not trouble us. We can trust His righteousness and His pity. Is not the anguish of His Son the measure of His love to the world? What God will do with us for wilfully and consciously leaving them in their helplessness is another question, which is worth answering, which there is yet time to answer. I leave it with you. We shall hear of it again, when the dead, small and great, stand before God. “Lord, when saw we Thee an hungred or athirst, or naked or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto Thee?” “Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these My brethren, ye did it not to Me.”

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